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INTRODUCTION

THIS volume contains all the passages published daily by *The Times* under the heading "Old and True" from number 651 (October 29, 1941) to 1323 (December 31, 1943). An earlier volume, published in 1942, contained the first 650 passages.

The passage first to be printed in *The Times* appeared a few days after the outbreak of war, and since then publication of a passage daily has been all but continuous. The purpose which *The Times* had in mind in inaugurating this series of quotations was "to find a passage old and true that could keep high the heart and fortify the mind during each day of trial"; and the Shakespearian heading "Old and True" was chosen to indicate the broad nature of the passages, which should draw on older authors of all kinds rather than on the living or the more recent.

It has been the policy deliberately to rule out quotations from the Bible, partly because it was felt that scriptural quotations would be inexhaustible and furthermore because *The Times* publishes a Biblical text daily on its front page. It was also decided that as far as possible the more hackneyed passages should be avoided, though the degree in which any particular passage is familiar must often vary. The quotations have come to *The Times* largely from its readers, and to them grateful acknowledgments and thanks are due.

It is hoped that, as in the previous volume of reprints, the division of the extracts into monthly sections with summaries of the principal events of the month prefixed will help to recall to the reader the course of the war and more particularly the circumstances which invited the application of this or that passage to this or that event. The compilers have endeavoured to keep current events steadily in view and have

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often made their choice of such passages as would bear appropriately on the day's news. It is in this sense that "Old and True" is here called an "extemporary anthology," for a large proportion of the quotations has been evoked by the challenge of the moment.

OCTOBER, 1941

German assaults on Moscow and the Crimea.

DCLI

No one who reads the history of the last 300 years, no one above all who studies attentively the career of Napoleon, can believe it possible for any State, however great her energy and material resources, to repeat in modern Europe the part of ancient Rome: to gather into one vast political body races whose national individuality has grown more and more marked in each successive age.

BRYCE

Holy Roman Empire (1922 Edn.)

DCLII

One of the lessons of the war [1914-18], if posterity cares to heed it, is the bankruptcy of terrorism as a policy directed against the wills of the progressive and civilized peoples of Europe.

H. A. L. FISHER

History of Europe

DCLIII

Stand ye calm and resolute,
Like a forest close and mute.
With folded arms and looks which are
Weapons of unvanquished war.

SHELLEY

Masque of Anarchy

NOVEMBER 1941

*Germans checked before Moscow—American neutrality revised
—Loss of the Ark Royal—Offensive in Libya.*

DCLIV

How devoutly it is to be hoped that, in the coming conflict of the nations, America and England will stand side by side, instead of opposite; for, if not, it will be all over with the cause of liberty, for some centuries at least. The conqueror in the strife will be then a military power, and must perforce crush the peoples under a tyranny.

F. W. ROBERTSON

DCLV

If we do but watch the hour
There never yet was human power
That could evade, if unforgiven,
The patient search and vigil long
Of him who treasures up a wrong.

BYRON

DCLVI

So long as the sun keeps his present course we will never join alliance with Xerxes. Nay, we shall oppose him unceasingly, trusting in the aid of those gods and heroes whom he has lightly esteemed, whose houses and whose images he has burnt with fire.

HERODOTUS, viii. 143

(Trans. RAWLINSON)

DCLVII

Do not rest content with merely raising bulwarks against misfortune; remember rather Gibbon's fine declaration that "the winds and waves are always on the side of the ablest navigator."

The late LORD BIRKENHEAD (1928)

NOVEMBER 1941

DCLVIII

Heaven overarches you and me
And all Earth's gardens and her graves
Look up with me, until we see
The day break and the shadows flee.
What though to-night wrecks you and me
If so to-morrow saves?

CHRISTINA ROSSETTI

DCLIX

Jusqu'au 6 novembre le temps a été parfait, et le mouvement de l'armée s'est exécuté avec le plus grand succès. Le froid a commencé le 7. . . . Cette armée, si belle le 6, était bien différente dès le 14, presque sans cavalerie, sans artillerie, sans transports. . . .

La santé de Sa Majesté n'a jamais été meilleure.

NAPOLÉON

Correspondence

DCLX

We remember, and must charge our children to remember, that as our Dead were equal in sacrifice, so are they equal in honour, for the greatest and the least of them have proved that Sacrifice and Honour are no vain things, but Truths, by which the World lives.

KING GEORGE V

(1922)

DCLXI

LIVINGSTONE: Americans and Englishmen are the same people. We speak the same language and have the same ideas.

STANLEY: Just so, Doctor; I agree with you. Americans and Englishmen shall be brothers, and whatever I can do for you, you may command me freely.

In the African jungle, November 10, 1871

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DCLXII

Not till the Sea and England sink together,
Shall they be masters! Let them boast that hour!

R. E. VERNEDE

(Conclusion of "England to the Sea," first published in
The Times of August 7, 1914.)

DCLXIII

And She of the seven hills shall mourn her children's ills,
And tremble when she thinks on the edge of England's sword.

MACAULAY

Battle of Naseby

DCLXIV

We see with great concern the position in which Great Britain is placed, and should be sincerely afflicted were any disaster to deprive mankind of the benefit of such a bulwark against the torrent which has for some time been bearing down all before it.

THOMAS JEFFERSON (1803)

DCLXV

Let it be remembered that you are called forward as the defenders of your country under the most pressing and peculiar circumstances the nation ever yet beheld; and as the cause is the most urgent, your zeal should be the most ardent. You have to counteract the designs of that cruel tyrant, that plunderer of Europe, who talks of liberty and entails slavery, wherever he can reach them, by the rod of his power, and spares none who are obliged to submit to his despotic sway. Our property is no longer ours but his, the moment he becomes the conqueror of our happy land.

REV. ROWLAND HILL

Sermon to Volunteers, 1803

NOVEMBER 1941

DCLXVI

The duration of Parliament, whether for seven years or the life of the King, appears to me so immaterial that I would not give half a crown to turn the scale one way or the other. The Habeas Corpus is the single advantage which our Government has over that of other countries.

SAMUEL JOHNSON (1769)

DCLXVII

The morning comes not, yet the night
Wanes, and men's eyes win strength to see
Where twilight is, where light shall be
When conquered wrong and conquering right
Acclaim a world set free.

A. C. SWINBURNE
The Commonweal

DCLXVIII

Yet I think while Bonaparte lives and reigns peace is hardly to be hoped for. Sebastian, one of his favourite generals, who knew his character well, told a friend of mine that if Europe, Asia, and Africa were at Bonaparte's feet he would be miserable until he had conquered America, and I do not think his spirit is of that kind which learns moderation from adversity.

SIR WALTER SCOTT
Letters

DCLXIX

If Germany is allowed to escape under conditions which in any way can be sophisticated into a victory, or at any rate not a defeat, she will continue to hate us as she continued to hate her victim France. . . . Germany has shown unmistakably the way to her heart; it is for Europe to take it.

WILFRED TROTTER
Instincts of the Herd in Peace and War, 1915

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DCLXX

We live in an age when to be young and to be indifferent can be no longer synonymous. We must prepare for the coming hour. The claims of the Future are represented by suffering millions, and the Youth of a Nation are the Trustees of Posterity.

LORD BEACONSFIELD

DCLXXI

Though twice ten nations crouch beneath his blade,
Virtue disowns him, and his glories fade:
For him no pray'rs are pour'd, no paeans sung,
No blessings chaunted from a nation's tongue:
Blood marks the path to his untimely bier;
The curse of widows, and the orphan's tear,
Cry to high Heav'n for vengeance on his head;
Alive detested, and accurst when dead.
Indignant of his deeds, the Muse who sings
Th' undaunted truth, and scorns to flatter kings,
Shall show the Monster in his hideous form,
And mark him as an earthquake, or a storm.

CHRISTOPHER BUTSON, 1771

DCLXXII

It is by the combined efforts of the weak, made under compulsion, to resist the reign of force and constant wrong, that, in the rapid change but slow progress of four hundred years, liberty has been preserved.

LORD ACTON

Lecture on the Beginning of the Modern State

DCLXXIII

Ex Africa semper aliquid novi. (There is always something new from Africa.)

PLINY

NOVEMBER 1941

DCLXXIV

By the kiss of thy peace like a snake's kiss, that leaves the
soul rotten at root;
By the savours of gibbets and stakes thou hast planted to
bear to thee fruit;
By torture and terror and treason, that make to thee weapons
and wings;
By thy power upon men for a season, made out of the malice
of things;
O thou that hast built thee a shrine of the madness of man
and his shame,
And hast hung in the midst for a sign of his worship the
lamp of thy name. . . .

ALGERNON CHARLES SWINBURNE
Hymn of Man

DCLXXV

Every combatant must always have present in his mind, so
as not to go astray or fail, that he only conquers who con-
quers with honour, that is to say, with truth and justice.

DR. ANTONIO SALAZAR
Prime Minister of Portugal

DCLXXVI

I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against
every form of tyranny over the mind of man.

THOMAS JEFFERSON (1743-1826)

DCLXXVII

Within a few years Europe will be face to face with a
hundred millions of Germans trained to war and practically
under one military headship. And if to that were ever added
the virtual control over the Low-German people of Holland,

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with her seaports and marine population, a single War Lord ruling from Stettin to the mouths of the Rhine, and from the Baltic to the Adriatic—then Europe will see a power which she has not known since Napoleon and Louis XIV.

FREDERIC HARRISON

The Times, March 18, 1909

DCLXXVIII

Endurance is the crowning quality,
And patience all the passion of great hearts;
These are their stay, and when the leaden world
Sets its hard face against their fateful thought,
And brute strength, like a scornful conqueror,
Clangs his huge mace down in the other scale,
The inspired soul but flings his patience in,
And slowly that outweighs the ponderous globe—
One faith against a whole world's unbelief,
One soul against the flesh of all mankind.

J. RUSSELL LOWELL

Columbus (1844)

DECEMBER 1941

*Japanese attack Pearl Harbour—Britain and U.S. declare war
—Loss of Prince of Wales and Repulse—America at war
with Germany and Italy—Russian counter-offensive—Mr.
Churchill in America.*

DCLXXIX

Bèn provide Natura al nòstro stato
Quando dell'Alpi schermo
Pose fra noi e la Tedesca rabbia :
Ma'l desir cièco, e 'ncontra'l suo bèn fermo
S'è pòi tanto ingegnato,
Ch'al còrpo sano ha procurato scabbia.

PETRARCH

Wisely and for our good, kind Nature wrought,
When that high Alpine wall
She set between us and the Teuton rage,
But blind ambitions did our souls enthrall
And to a body sound infection brought
With festering sores no physic could assuage.

Trans. by W. D. FOULKE

DCLXXX

On his plan of a Western Empire he conceived and in part executed the design of consigning to plunder and destruction the vast region of Russia; he quits the genial clime of the temperate zone; he bursts through the narrow limits of an immense empire; he abandons comfort and security, and he hurries to the Pole, to hazard them all, and with them the companions of his victories, and the fame and fruits of his crimes and his talents, on a speculation of leaving in Europe, through the whole of its extent, no one free or independent nation.

HENRY GRATTAN (May 25, 1815)

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DCLXXXI

κάρτιστοι μὲν ἔσαν καὶ καρτίστοις ἐμάχοντο.

HOMER

Iliad, i. 267

Men most mighty were these, and with men most mighty
they battled.

DCLXXXII

Beneath one flag, black, white and red,
Thy peoples north and south take station.
Belaurelled murder, thy creation,
Makes thee to-day earth's leading nation.
Germania, for thee I dread.

I dread for thee: my mind will fret
That thou in wild delusion sunken,
With body bulky, spirit shrunken,
That thou, with too much God's grace drunken,
Will soon all human laws forget.

GEORG HERWEGH

February 1871

(Rendering by KARL PEARSON, *The Times Literary Supplement*,
December 5, 1918.)

DCLXXXIII

Peace is the most valuable of all blessings; but it must be
made sword in hand . . . if we mean to preserve our pos-
sessions.

CLIVE (1760)

DCLXXXIV

Ill fortune never crushed that man whom good fortune
deceived not. He knows not his own strength that hath
not met adversity.

BEN JONSON

DECEMBER 1941

DCLXXXV

Friedrich, by degrees, has considerably changed his opinion . . . about Russian Soldiery: a Soldiery of most various kinds; from predatory Cossacks and Calmucks to those noble Grenadiers. . . . A perfectly steady obedience is in these men; at any and all times obedient, to the death if needful, and with a silence, with a steadfastness as of rocks and gravitation. Which is a superlative quality in soldiers.

CARLYLE

Frederick the Great

DCLXXXVI

. . . primo gentes oriente coactae
innumeraeque urbes, quantas in proelia numquam,
excivere manus. toto simul utimur orbe.
quidquid signiferi comprehensum limite caeli
sub Noton et Borean hominum sumus, arma movemus.

LUCAN, vii

Far east the nations rise
And countless cities muster might, as ne'er
So huge for war; our field is all the world.
All of us men, whose bournes the Zodiac bounds,
Extremes of north and south, have drawn the sword.

DCLXXXVII

Τὰ δ' ἄλλα συγγεῖ πάνθ' ὁ παγκρατὴς χρόνος.
φθίνει μὲν ἰσχύς γῆς, φθίνει δὲ σώματος,
θνήσκει δὲ πίστις, βλαστάνει δ' ἀπιστία,
καὶ πνεῦμα ταῦτόν οὔ ποτ' οὔτ' ἐν ἀνδράσιν
φίλοις βέβηκεν οὔτε πρὸς πόλιν πόλει.

SOPHOCLES, *O.C.*, 609

And all things else o'ermastering time confounds.
Withers the strength of earth, withers the body's,

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Faithfulness dies, up shoots unfaithfulness,
And the same spirit never either in men
Friendly consists, or between State and State.

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I will do my best; and I hope God Almighty will go with me. I have much to lose, but little to gain; and I go because it's right, and I will serve the Country faithfully.

NELSON, in 1805

DCLXXXIX

Be still, be still, my soul; it is but for a season;
Let us endure an hour and see injustice done.

A. E. HOUSMAN

DCXC

How nations sink by darling schemes oppress'd,
When vengeance listens to the fool's request:

DR. JOHNSON

(*ob.* December 13, 1784)

DCXCI

It is not, in my opinion, necessary to suppose the extraordinary and special interposition of any power who causes a hard winter in Russia for the special overthrow of Napoleon;—Napoleon rather is overthrown by the vicious principle which guides him; and which, in the long run, must inevitably wreck him upon some such external and immediate cause or other.

PRINCE PÜCKLER-MUSKAU

Tour in England, Ireland, and France (1828)

DCXCII

Phormian (an elegant *Philosophar*)
 You may have read how Hanniball did foole,
 When, in *his presence*, of the Art Of War
 He made a long Discourse by Square and Rule.
 No, no, the brave Profession Militar
 Is not learnt, Sir, by *Fancy* in the *Schoole*,
Dreaming, contemplating, to spelling held,
But seeing, sweating, fighting in the Field.

RICHARD FANSHAWE

Translator of *The Lusiads* (1655)

DCXCIII

ἥκιστα γὰρ πόλεμος ἐπὶ ῥητοῖς χωρεῖ, αὐτὸς δὲ ἀφ' αὐτοῦ
 τὰ πολλὰ τεχνᾶται πρὸς τὸ παρατυγχάνον.

THUCYDIDES

Least of all does war fall out according to programme;
 its operations generally are its own, contrived as circumstances
 require.

DCXCIV

The Patriot's fire restrain'd thine onward way,
 And Famine's self forbade thy farther stay,—
 And in thine abject flight, shall horrors reign
 Worse than the bard e'er sung, or poets feign,
 Till all that Dante told of pangs intense,
 That wring the guilty soul's undying sense—
 Where to the fiery torrents' endless glow
 Succeeds the drear abyss of ice and snow—
 Weighed with thy torments, foil'd Ambition! seem
 The phantom terrors of a fev'rish dream.

(From *The Burning of Moscow*, the Newdigate prize poem
 of 1835, by WILLIAM ROBERT SEYMOUR FITZGERALD, of Oriel
 College, afterwards Governor of Bombay.)

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DCXCV

What, Sire, will you penetrate into the depths of the modern Scythia? . . . Whatever may be your success the Russians will dispute with you, inch by inch, their desert countries, in which you will find none of the necessaries of war. . . . Take care lest all your genius be unable to save your army, a prey to fatigue, hunger, want of clothing, and the severity of the country and climate; take care, lest you be afterwards compelled to fight between the Elbe and the Rhine.

JOSEPH FOUCHÉ
Memoirs (1825)

DCXCVI

Vain, mightiest fleets of iron framed;
Vain, those all-shattering guns;
Unless proud England keep, untamed,
The strong heart of her sons.

SIR FRANCIS DOYLE (1860)

DCXCVII

These are to let you know that, as we neither fear your menaces nor accept your Proffer, so we wish you, for the time to come, to desist from all overtures of the like nature unto us, who are resolved to the last Drop of our Blood, to maintain the Quarrel we have undertaken, and doubt not but the same God who hath hitherto protected us will, e'er long, bless us with an issue answerable to the justness of our Cause; however, to him alone shall we stand or fall.

ROBERT BLAKE
At the siege of Taunton, 1644

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DCXCVIII

Tum primum nostri Cacum videre timentem
Turbatumque oculis : fugit ilicet ocior Euro.

VIRGIL

Then first we saw the monster daunted; fear
Worked in his eye, and like the wind he fled.

DCXCIX

Now in no form of work is efficiency so important as in war; and fighting is not so easy a business that a man can follow another trade, such as farming or shoemaking, and also be an efficient soldier. . . . Just taking up a shield or other weapon will not make a man capable of fighting that very day in any sort of warfare, any more than taking up a tool or implement of some kind will make a man a craftsman or an athlete, if he does not understand its use and has never been properly trained to handle it.

PLATO, *Republic*

(PROFESSOR F. M. CORNFORD's translation)

DCC

I never prospered so well as when I fought one to three.

FAIRFAX

At Horncastle, 1643

DCCI

Of such co-operation the incidental effects would be infinitely more valuable than the mere deliverance of a few Polynesian Isles from the clutches of an unscrupulous oppressor. It would recognize the fact, that Great Britain and the United States are still linked together by every possible tie, excepting only the bond of a common government; while

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it would, at least on neutral ground, merge the political asperities of this single distinction in the consciousness that, on the map of the world which Providence is visibly sketching, the American Union and the British dominions are only incomplete parts of that English empire which, already the greatest on earth, is ultimately to embrace half the globe.

SIR GEORGE SIMPSON

*Narrative of a Journey round the World during the Years
1841 and 1842*

DCCII

We've gut to fix this thing for good an' all;
It's no use buildin' wut's a-goin' to fall.

J. R. LOWELL

DCCIII

He that is used to go forward, and findeth a Stop, falleth
out of his own favour, and is not the thing he was.

BACON

JANUARY 1942

United Nations' pact signed in Washington—Mr. Churchill returns home—Germans recapture Benghazi.

DCCIV

Goe on both hand in hand O Nations never to be dis-united, be the Praise and the Heroick Song of all Posterity. . . . Commit securely to true wisdom the vanquishing and uncasing of craft and subtletie, which are but her two runnagates: joyn your invincible might to doe worthy, and God-like deeds, and then he that seeks to break your union, a cleaving curse be his inheritance to all generations.

JOHN MILTON (1641)

DCCV

There is no safety for honest men but by believing all possible evil of evil men and by acting with promptitude, decision, and steadiness on that belief. . . . There is one case indeed in which it would be madness not to give the fullest credit to the most deceitful of men, that is when they make declarations of hostility against us.

BURKE

DCCVI

Ce que les Allemands tolèrent le moins, c'est l'attente trompée; leurs efforts mêmes et leur persévérance leur rendent les grands résultats nécessaires.

MADAME DE STAËL

DCCVII

[England and America] are associated in their fixed idea that the force, in which all government takes effect, is to be constantly backed, and, as it were, illuminated by thought

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in speech and writing. . . . Our two governments, whatever they do, have to give good reasons for it; not reasons which will convince the unreasonable, but reasons which on the whole will convince the average mind, and carry it unitedly forward in a course of action.

GLADSTONE (1878)

DCCVIII

Since the expedition of Maximin, the Roman generals had confined their ambition to a defensive war against the nations of Germany, who perpetually pressed on the frontiers of the Empire. The more daring Probus . . . passed the Rhine, and displayed his invincible eagles on the banks of the Elbe and the Neckar. He was fully convinced that nothing could reconcile the minds of the barbarians to peace, unless they experienced in their own country the calamities of war.

GIBBON

DCCIX

Points of difference there have been, points of difference there probably always will be, between the two great peoples, but broadcast in England is sown the sentiment that the two peoples are essentially one . . . and if I know anything of Englishmen—and they give me credit for knowing something—if I know anything of my countrymen, gentlemen, the English heart is stirred by the flutter of the Stars and Stripes as it is stirred by no other flag that flies, save its own.

CHARLES DICKENS (1868)

DCCX

We come to break the power of a company of lawless men, who live as enemies to Human Society; whose principles, the world hath experience, are, to destroy and subjugate all men not complying with them. We come, by the assistance of God, to hold forth and maintain the lustre and glory of English liberty.

OLIVER CROMWELL

JANUARY 1942

DCCXI

I want to see, as I told you before, England in real alliance with Russia and the United States—and if China were a strong and regular Power (as it may be some day) I say the alliance should be quadruple!

CHARLES VILLIERS

To Madame Olga Novikoff (1866)

DCCXII

Someone asked Confucius: "What do you think of requiting hatred with virtue?" Answered the Master, "What then will virtue be requited with? Requite hatred with justice, and virtue with virtue."

D. T. SUZUKI

History of Chinese Philosophy, 1914

DCCXIII

Nè te vedrei del non tuo ferro cinta
Pugnar col braccio di straniera genti,
Per servir sempre, o vincitrice o vinta.

VINCENZO FILICAJA (1642-1707)

"All' Italia"

Nor should we see thee girt with borrowed steel
Stand in the field upheld by foreign aid
Doomed to subservience should'st thou win or lose.

E. R. VINCENT

DCCXIV

If among the things which man dislikes there were nothing he disliked more than death, why should he not do everything by which he might avoid danger? There are cases when men by a certain course might preserve life and they do not employ it; when by certain things they might avoid

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He [the Duke of Cumberland] had learned war in the rough school of Germany, where the severest infliction upon the inhabitants was never withheld, if it was supposed necessary, either to obtain an advantage, or to preserve one already gained.

SCOTT

Tales of a Grandfather

DCCXXII

Let all who trust Justice to the arbitrament of war bear in mind that the issue may depend not on the righteousness of the quarrel, but on the craft of the litigants.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE

War Memoirs (1936)

DCCXXIII

Go, wondrous creature! mount where Science guides,
Go, measure Earth, weigh air and state the tides;
Instruct the planets in what orbs to run,
Correct old Time, and regulate the Sun;

Alas, what wonder! Man's superior part
Unchecked may rise, and climb from art to art;
But when his own great work is but begun,
What Reason weaves, by Passion is undone.

POPE

Essay on Man, II

DCCXXIV

After all, I know very well, that nothing is so hard, as to give wise counsel before events; and nothing so easie as, after them, to make wise reflections. Many things seem true in reason, and prove false in experience: many, that are weakly consulted, are executed with success.

SIR WILLIAM TEMPLE (*circa* 1673)

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DCCXXV

Sovereigns may send their opposers to dungeons; they may clear out a senate-house with soldiers; they may enlist armies of spies; they may have scores of the disaffected in chains at every cross road; but what power shall stand in that frightful time when rebellion hath become a less evil than endurance? Who shall dissolve that terrible tribunal, which, in the hearts of the oppressed, denounces against the oppressor the doom of its wild justice? Who shall repeal the law of self-defence? What arms or discipline shall resist the strength of famine and despair?

MACAULAY

*A Conversation between Mr. Abraham Cowley and Mr.
John Milton.*

DCCXXVI

The Opposition in Parliament must always criticize a Government's actions, for that is its proper function; and in time of war there is no task more delicate and difficult than so to tone that criticism that it shall be profitable to the country and unprofitable to the enemy.

FORTESCUE

History of the British Army

DCCXXVII

Do you hear the roar of death through the listening hush of distance,

And that awful call midst fire-floods and poison clouds and
wrestle of earth and sky in mortal combat,

—The Captain's call to steer the ship towards a shore yet
unnamed?

For that time is over—the stagnant time in the port—

And there rings the Captain's voice in the dark,

“Come, sailors, for the time in the haven is over!”

RABINDRANATH TAGORE

“The Oarsmen” (*The Times*, January 28, 1916)

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DCCXXVIII

Citizens of London, you must not think to fight in the sighs of your wives and children. Therefore when you hear the drums beat, say not, I beseech you, "I am not of the trained band," nor this, nor that, nor the other, but doubt not to go out to the work, and this shall be the day of your deliverance. What is it that we fight for? It is for our religion, and for our God, and for our liberty, and all. And what is it they fight for? For their lusts, for their wills, and for their tyranny, to make us slaves and to overthrow all.

GENERAL LORD BROOKE

DCCXXIX

While with a strong and yet a gentle hand,
You bridle faction, and our hearts command;
Protect us from ourselves, and from the foe,
Make us unite, and make us conquer too.

EDMUND WALLER

To "My Lord Protector"

DCCXXX

One of them, a grave and sensible man . . . repeated a Spanish proverb, which though I cannot repeat in just the same words that he spoke it in, yet I remember I made it into an English proverb of my own thus:

In trouble to be troubled
Is to have your trouble doubled.

DEFOE

Robinson Crusoe

FEBRUARY 1942

Japanese occupy Singapore and invade Bali—Battle of Java Sea.

DCCXXXI

It only remains for me to read to you a telegram that I have received from the Raffles family. It was as a voice from another world—"Prosperity to Singapore, Raffles." I now unveil the statue. Long may it remind men that "in our fair island story the path of duty is the way to glory."

SIR FREDERICK WELD

Unveiling the statue of Sir Stamford Raffles at Singapore
(1887)

DCCXXXII

But if I could have what some have prayed for,
One life more to live how and when I chose,
I would ask to belong to one age when wrong
Is punished by honest unflinching blows,
When to hate's to fight in the open light,
And a dire offence is as direly paid for.

J. K. STEPHEN

(ob. February 3, 1892)

DCCXXXIII

Come, my boys, my brave boys, let us pray heartily and fight heartily. I will run the same fortunes and hazards with you. Remember the cause is for God, and for the defence of yourselves, your wives and children. Come, my honest brave boys, pray heartily and fight heartily, and God will bless us.

Sergeant-Major General PHILIP SKIPPON
(1642)

OLD AND TRUE

DCCXXXIV

. . . such as raised
To height of noblest temper heroes old
Arming to battle, and instead of rage
Deliberate valour breathed, firm, and unmoved
With dread of death to flight or foul retreat. . . .

MILTON

DCCXXXV

Those who are formed for command are such as have reasoned themselves, out of a consideration of greater good than length of days, into such a negligence of their being, as to make it their first position that it is one day to be resigned;—and since it is in the prosecution of worthy actions and service of mankind, they can put it to habitual hazard. . . . The force of reason gives a certain beauty, mixed with the consciousness of well-doing and thirsty of glory, to all of which before was terrible and ghastly to the imagination. Add to this that the fellowship of danger, the common good of mankind, the general cause, and the manifest virtue you may observe in so many men, who made no figure until that day, are so many incentives to destroy the little consideration of their own persons.

STEELE

Spectator No. 152

DCCXXXVI

. . . All the cities of the earth should rise up against the man who ruins one. Until this sentiment is predominant, the peaceful can have no protection, the virtuous no encouragement, the brave no countenance, the prosperous no security.

WALTER SAVAGE LANDOR

FEBRUARY 1942

DCCXXXVII

Though Justice against Fate complain,
And plead the ancient Rights in vain—
But those do hold or break
As men are strong or weak.

ANDREW MARVELL

DCCXXXVIII

It is in politics as in conversation. He is not the best member of the social circle who talks the most, but who succeeds the best in promoting general conversation; and he is not the best statesman who is the greatest doer, but he who sets others doing with the greatest success.

Edinburgh Review (1807)

DCCXXXIX

Mercies should not be temptations: yet we too often make them so.

CROMWELL

DCCXL

. . . Ast alii subeunt, nec saxa, nec ullum
Telorum interea cessat genus.

VIRGIL

New swarms come on, nor for a moment fails
Stone or aught else of missiles.

DCCXLI

The poets must be told to speak well of that other world. The gloomy descriptions they now give must be forbidden, not only as untrue, but as injurious to our future warriors. We shall strike out all lines like these:

OLD AND TRUE

"I would rather be on earth as the hired servant of another, in the house of a landless man with little to live on, than be king over all the dead."

Whereas we shall allow the poets to represent any examples of self-control and fortitude on the part of famous men, and admit such lines as these "Odysseus smote his breast, chiding his heart: Endure, my heart; thou hast borne worse things than these."

PLATO

Republic (CORNFORD'S version)

DCCXLII

Await the issue; in all battles, if you await the issue, each fighter is prospered according to his right. His right and his might, at the close of the account, are one and the same. He has fought with all his might, and in exact proportion to his right he has prevailed. His very death is no victory over him; he dies indeed, but his work lives. The cause thou fightest for, in so far as it is true, so far and no farther, but precisely so far, is sure of victory.

CARLYLE

DCCXLIII

Glory to Thee in Thine omnipotence,
O Lord, who art our shield and our defence,
And dost dispense,
As seemeth best to Thine unerring will
(Which passeth mortal sense)
The lot of Victory still;
Edging sometimes with might the sword unjust;
And bowing to the dust
The rightful cause, that so such seeming ill
May Thine appointed purposes fulfil.

SOUTHEY

FEBRUARY 1942

DCCXLIV

I pray God that . . . ' the Stars and Stripes and the Union
Jack may one day float together to cleanse this world of
tyranny!

Conclusion of the American novelist WINSTON CHURCHILL'S
Richard Carver (1899)

DCCXLV

Wise men ne'er sit and wail their woes,
But presently prevent the ways to wail.

SHAKESPEARE
King Richard II

DCCXLVI

If thou have alwaye good wylle, strength never fayleth
thee: but if by the puisance of fortune thou be set on thy
knee, have a good harte.

SIR THOMAS ELYOT
The Boke Named the Governour (1531)

DCCXLVII

. . . quo fata trahunt retrahuntque sequamur;
quidquid erit, superanda omnis fortuna ferendo est.

VIRGIL
Aen. v.

Pull or repel they, follow we the fates;
Betide what will, fortune in every phase
Is conquered but by bearing.

RHOADES'S version

OLD AND TRUE

DCCXLVIII

We are upon an engagement very difficult. . . . But the only wise God knows what is best. All shall work for Good. Our spirits are comfortable, praised be the Lord—though our present condition be as it is.

CROMWELL (1650)

DCCXLIX

A hardy front to hardship's brunt,
Is the surest way to win;
The craftiest fox that ever laired,
Like a silly bird at last is snared,
And where he came to lift a lamb,
On the stakes he leaves his skin.

JOSE HERNANDEZ, the Argentine poet
(Trans. WALTER OWEN)

DCCL

But come, ye sons of Libertie,
Columbia's offspring, brave as free!
In danger's hour, still flaming in the van,
Ye know and dare maintain the royalty o' Man.

ROBERT BURNS
Libertie—A Vision

DCCLI

All strange and terrible events are welcome,
But comforts we despise; our size of sorrow,
Proportion'd to our cause, must be as great
As that which makes it.

SHAKESPEARE
Antony and Cleopatra

FEBRUARY 1942

DCCLII

I am not an expert in the modes, I said ; but leave me one which will fittingly represent the tones and accents of a brave man in warlike action or in any hard and dangerous task, who in the hour of defeat or when facing wounds and death, will meet every blow of fortune with steadfast endurance.

PLATO

Republic (CORNFORD'S version)

DCCLIII

ἅπανθ' ὁ μακρὸς κἀναρίθμητος χρόνος
φύει τ' ἄδηλα καὶ φανέντα κρύπτεται.
κύου ἔστ' ἄελπτον οὐδέν . . .

SOPHOCLES

There's nought but long incalculable Time
Hales it from hiding and obscures again ;
Expectancy is all.

DCCLIV

Rebus angustis animosus atque
Fortis appare ; sapienter idem
Contraheo vento nimium secundo
Turgida vela.

HORACE

When Fortune frowns, be brave and strong,
Still grim and gay, when things go wrong :
But when she smiles with favouring gales
The wise old sailor furls his sails.

(Trans. F. GRIFFIN)

MARCH 1942

*Japanese take Rangoon—Andaman Islands evacuated—
Government proposals for India.*

DCCLV

That nation will ever be the most formidable, and therefore the most peaceful, which, with the full knowledge of what war is, openly shows that it will face it to the uttermost in the maintenance of the principles of truth and justice and freedom with which it has been entrusted.

BISHOP WESTCOTT

DCCLVI

It was recognized as nearly impossible to compel a war-vessel of the republic to surrender. Hardly an instance was on her naval record of submission, even to far superior force, while it was filled with the tragic but heroic histories of commanders who had blown their ships, with every man on board, into the air, rather than strike the flag. Such was the character, and such the capacity of the sea-born republic.

MOTLEY

The United Netherlands

DCCLVII

My sentence is for open war. Of wiles,
More unexpert, I boast not: them let those
Contrive who need, or when they need, not now.
For while they sit contriving, shall the rest—
Millions that stand in arms, and longing wait
The signal to ascend—sit lingering here?

MILTON

MARCH 1942

DCCLVIII

There are certain characters who, unable to read a writ from the court of conscience and reason, must be served with one from a court—even though it be inferior—whose language they understand.

The late VERY REV. SIR GEORGE ADAM SMITH (1889)

DCCLIX

. . . who if he be called on to face
Some awful moment to which Heaven has joined
Great issues, good or bad for human kind,
Is happy as a lover; and attired
With sudden brightness, like a man inspired;
And, through the heat of conflict, keeps the law
In calmness made, and sees what he foresaw;
Or if an unexpected call succeed,
Come when it will, is equal to the need.

WORDSWORTH

The Happy Warrior

DCCLX

I may tell you that the most grave personal lesson I ever received from friendship, was when Sir Herbert Edwardes read to me, in my father's house, Wordsworth's poem of the "Happy Warrior," and showed me that it was no symbol of imaginary character, but the practical description of what every soldier ought to be.

RUSKIN

DCCLXI

It is not difficult to capture a fortress—to win a campaign is difficult. It can not be achieved by attack and assault but by patience and time. . . . Believe me, there are no stronger warriors than time and patience, they will do the job.

TOLSTOY

War and Peace (Kutuzow speaking)

OLD AND TRUE

DCCLXII

εἰ δὲ θεός περ
ἶσον τείνειεν πολέμου τέλος, οὐ με μάλα ῥέα
νικήσει, οὐδ' εἰ παγχάλκεος εὔχεται εἶναι.

HOMER

Iliad, xx

But if God once give us fair field of battle, not lightly shall he overcome me, not though he boast him made of bronze throughout.

Trans.: LANG, LEAF AND MYERS

DCCLXIII

The Commons of Great Britain are not disposed to quarrel with the Divine wisdom and goodness, which has moulded up revenge into the frame and constitution of man. . . . Lord Bacon has very well said, that "revenge is a kind of wild Justice." It is so, and without this wild austere stock there would be no Justice in the world.

EDMUND BURKE

DCCLXIV

This peril of the influence of Daedalus is twofold; first, in leading us to delight in glitterings and semblances of things, more than in their form, or truth;—admire the harlequin's jacket more than the hero's strength; and love the gilding of the missal more than its words;—but farther, and worse, the ingenuity of Daedalus may even become bestial, an instinct for mechanical labour only, strangely involved with a feverish and ghastly cruelty:—(you will find this instinct in the intensely Daedal work of the Japanese); rebellious, finally, against the laws of nature and honour, and building labyrinths for monsters,—not combs for bees.

RUSKIN

MARCH 1942

DCCLXV

I fear not all his threatenings; his great preparations and mighty forces do not stir me; for though he come against me with a greater power than ever was his Invincible Navy, I doubt not but that I shall be able to defeat and overthrow him. I have great advantage against him, for my cause is just.

QUEEN ELIZABETH

Speech from the Throne, 1593

DCCLXVI

Our strength grows out of our weakness. Not until we are pricked and stung and sorely shot at, awakens the indignation which arms itself with secret forces. A great man is always willing to be little. Whilst he sits on the cushion of advantages, he goes to sleep. When he is pushed, tormented, defeated, he has a chance to learn something; he has been put on his wits, on his manhood; he has gained facts; learns his ignorance; is cured of the insanity of conceit, has got moderation and real skill.

EMERSON

DCCLXVII

And of those who are slain in the field, we shall say that all who fell with honour are of that Golden Race, who, when they die,

Dwell here on earth, pure spirits, beneficent,
Guardians to shield us mortal men from harm.

Shall we not believe those words of Hesiod?
We shall.

PLATO

Republic (CORNFORD's version)

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DCCLXVIII

He [Kutuzov] like an experienced hunter knew that the beast was wounded—wounded as only the whole strength of Russia could wound—but whether mortally or not was a still unsolved question.

TOLSTOY

War and Peace

DCCLXIX

The protection of the liberty of Britain is a duty which they owe to themselves, who enjoy it; to their ancestors, who transmitted it down; and to their posterity, who will claim it at their hands, this, the best birthright, and noblest inheritance of mankind.

BLACKSTONE

DCCLXX

It must however be confessed, that a man, who places honour only in successful violence, is a very troublesome and pernicious animal in time of peace; and that the martial character cannot prevail in a whole people, but by the diminution of all other virtues. He that is accustomed to resolve all right into conquest will have very little tenderness or equity. All the friendship in such a life can be only a confederacy of invasion, or alliance of defence. The strong must flourish by force, and the weak subsist by stratagem.

JOHNSON

A Journey to the Western Islands

MARCH 1942

DCCLXXI

nam dum peiora timentur,
est locus in vulnus: sors autem ubi pessima rerum,
sub pedibus timor est securaque summa malorum.

OVID

Met., xiv.

For while what's worse is feared
There's room for wounds; but when the worst befalls
Fear is supplanted by whole peace of mind.

DCCLXXII

Providence reserves to itself various means by which the
bonds of the oppressor may be broken; and it is not for
human sagacity to anticipate, whether the army of a con-
queror shall moulder in the unwholesome marshes of Rome,
or stiffen with frost in a Russian winter.

HENRY HALLAM

Europe during the Middle Ages

DCCLXXIII

The gentle unjealous Shakespeare, I trow,
In his country grave of peaceful fame
Must feel exiled from life and glow,
If he think of this man with his warrior claim,
Who looketh on London as if 'twere his own,
As he standeth in stone, aloft and alone,
Sailing the sky, with one arm and one eye.

ROBERT BRIDGES

DCCLXXIV

One great lesson is again taught us, but it is never followed:
Never let the Army and Navy down so low as to be obliged

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to go to great expense in a hurry. . . . The true economy will be to be always ready.

QUEEN VICTORIA

Letter to Lord Beaconsfield, July 28, 1879

DCCLXXV

Sir, for the love of God and our country, let us have with some speed some great shot sent us of all bigness; for this service will continue long; and some powder with it.

LORD HOWARD OF EFFINGHAM

DCCLXXVI

"The Marquis de Lafayette," Washington wrote in July, 1780, "will be pleased to communicate the following general ideas to Count de Rochambeau and the Chevalier de Ternay as the sentiments of the underwritten: In any operation, and under all circumstances, a decisive naval superiority is to be considered as a fundamental principle, and the basis upon which every hope of success must ultimately depend."

F. S. OLIVER

Life of Alexander Hamilton

DCCLXXVII

No personal services, no privation of luxuries, no diminution of property ought to be complained of, while we are struggling for our existence as a free people.

RICHARD WATSON

Bishop of Llandaff (1804)

DCCLXXVIII

I do not believe in a fate that falls on men however they act; but I do believe in a fate that falls on men unless they act.

G. K. CHESTERTON

MARCH 1942

DCCLXXIX

Whatever apparent increase of majesty and wealth may have accrued to us from the possession of India, whether these prove to us ultimately power or weakness, depends wholly on the degree in which our influence on the native race shall be benevolent and exalting.

RUSKIN

DCCLXXX

Et dubitamus adhuc virtutem extendere factis?

VIRGIL

Why not let valour broaden into deeds?

APRIL 1942

*Surrender of U.S. forces on Bataan—George Cross awarded to
Malta—Bombing of Bath and Exeter.*

DCCLXXXI

It may be that the public mind of India may expand under our system till it has outgrown that system; that by good government we may educate our subjects into a capacity for better government; that, having become instructed in European knowledge, they may in some future age demand European institutions. Whether such a day will ever come I know not. But never will I attempt to avert or to retard it. Whenever it comes, it will be the proudest day in English history.

MACAULAY

House of Commons, 1833

DCCLXXXII

I never thought myself beaten so long as I could present a front to the enemy. If I was beaten at one point I went to another, and in that way I won all my victories.

DUKE OF WELLINGTON

As recorded by the seventh Lord Shaftesbury

DCCLXXXIII

The brave
Die never. Being deathless, they but change
Their country's arms for more—their country's heart.
Give then the dead their due: 'tis they who saved us,
Saved us from woe and want and servitude.

PHILIP JAMES BAILEY

Festus

APRIL 1942

DCCLXXXIV

A good general laid far-sighted plans; but was always ready to abandon them, should some brilliant advantage offer, and to reap the full harvest of the unforeseen: 'twas chiefly by this trait great leaders defeated little ones; for these latter could do nothing not cut and dried beforehand.

CHARLES READE

The Cloister and the Hearth

DCCLXXXV

The man who has lost his own freedom becomes from that moment an instrument in the hands of an ambitious Prince to destroy the freedom of others.

CHATHAM

House of Lords, 1770

DCCLXXXVI

A tyrant's crimes and infamies recoil, as a penalty, on himself. Profoundly true was the saying of the greatest teacher of wisdom [Socrates] that, could the minds of tyrants be laid bare, we should see there gashes and wounds; for, just as the body is torn by scourging, so is the spirit by brutality, malice, and evil thoughts.

TACITUS

Annals

DCCLXXXVII

This island [Malta] is a colony planted by the Phoenicians, who, as they extended their trade to the western ocean, found in it a place of safe retreat, since it was well supplied with harbours and lay out in the open sea; and this is the reason why the inhabitants of this island, since they received assist-

OLD AND TRUE

The man who has found profit in the same emergencies as his country's foes can make no claim to patriotism.

(Loeb trans.)

DCCXCV

"What do you think, Mister?" he asked. "Will the crowd sail this hooker to London?"

"They're mostly English, sir," old Fairford said, "and my experience is, that you can get the English to do anything, if you put it to them the right way. The trouble with the English is they try all the wrong ways first."

JOHN MASEFIELD

The Bird of Dawning

DCCXCVI

Your brother represents an idea. . . . That idea is the subversion of all social principle. It is an idea which must spread, because there is an enormous number of depraved men in the world who have a very great interest in the destruction of law. The watchword of that party will always be "there is no God," because God is order, and they desire disorder. They will, it is true, always be a minority, because the greatest part of mankind are determined that order shall not be destroyed. But those fellows will fight to the death, because they know that in that battle there will be no quarter for the vanquished. It will be a mighty struggle and will last long, but it will be decisive, and will perhaps never be revived when once it is over.

F. MARION CRAWFORD

Marzio's Crucifix (A Cardinal Speaks)

APRIL 1942

DCCXCVII

It was subject of consideration with me whether we should not restore the Empire and negotiate with it, giving it 100,000 picked men from the 3 or 400,000 prisoners we had in Germany. It would have suited us, for it would have been a very weak government, restored by the foreigner and minus two provinces. I told Thiers that we might do this. "You would not commit such a crime," cried the little man.

BISMARCK

To Lord Rosebery, on possible terms after 1870

DCCXCVIII

. . . For come all the world. . .
. . . So will we guard us now,
As sooner shall they drink the ocean dry
Than conquer Malta.

MARLOWE

DCCXCIX

Now, Island Empress, wave thy crest on high,
And bid the banner of thy Patron flow,
Gallant Saint George, the flower of Chivalry,
For thou hast faced, like him, a dragon foe.

SCOTT

DCCC

When, in any of the convulsions that come upon the world, Great Britain finds herself struggling single-handed against the gigantic powers that spread oppression and darkness, there ought to be such cordiality that she can turn and say to her first-born and most illustrious child, "Come." I will not say that England can not again, as hitherto, single-handed manage any power, but I will say that England and America together for religion and liberty are a match for the world.

HENRY WARD BEECHER (1863)

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DCCCI

C'est dans les ateliers de la patrie qu'on fait bonne et sûre guerre à l'ennemi! Au moins n'en coûte-t-il pas une seule goutte de sang au peuple.

NAPOLEON

DCCCII

Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.

ACTON

DCCCIII

There the stone-courts stood; hotly surged the stream
With a widening whirling; and a wall enclosed it all
With its bosom bright. There the baths were set
Hot within their heart.

The Ruin (translated)

DCCCIV

Reges ex nobilitate, duces ex virtute sumunt. Nec regibus infinita aut libera potestas.

TACITUS

On the ancient Germans

They take their kings on the ground of birth, their generals on the basis of courage: the authority of the kings is not unlimited or arbitrary.

(Trans. M. HUTTON)

DCCCIV

ὦνῆρ οὗτος ὁ μαιόμενος τὸ μέγα κράτος
ἀντρέψει τάχα τὰν πόλιν, ἃ δ' ἔχεται ῥοπαῶς.

ALCAEUS

Lusting for power supreme, this fellow soon
Will wreck the State; its fate is in the balance.

Trans. E. H. BLAKENEY

MAY 1942

Loss of Mandalay—Landing on Madagascar—Anglo-Soviet treaty signed—Heavy raid on Cologne.

DCCCVI

Sine labore non tenditur ad requiem nec sine pugna pervenitur ad victoriam.

De Imit. Christi, iii. 19

Without labour we are not on the way to rest, and without fighting we come out to victory.

DCCCVII

Chi nuoce altrui, tardi o per tempo cade
Il debito a scontar, che non s'obblia.
Dice il proverbio, ch' a trovar si vanno
Gli uomini spesso, e i monte fermi stanno.

ARIOSTO

Who wrongs another has his debt to pay,
Remembered now or on a later day.
How often is the ancient proverb proved,
That men may meet, but mountains stand
unmoved.

DCCCVIII

The tragedy of *Richard II* contains the most magnificent, and, at the same time, the truest eulogism of our native country that the English language can boast. . . . When I feel that upon the morality of Britain depends the safety of Britain, and that her morality is supported and illustrated by our national feeling, I cannot read these grand lines without

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joy and triumph. Let it be remembered, that while this country is proudly pre-eminent in morals, her enemy has only maintained his station by superiority in mechanical appliances.

COLERIDGE

Lectures on Shakespeare

DCCCIX

For the exercise of terrifying and almost superhuman powers binds men together for self-preservation; and leaders will arise, able, if not to vie with the war-lord at all points, yet to deal out swift vengeance when he overreaches himself.

HOLLAND ROSE

DCCCX

They never fail who die
In a great cause: the block may soak their gore;
Their heads may sodden in the sun; their limbs
Be strung to city gates and castle walls—
But still their spirit walks abroad. Though years
Elapse, and others share as dark a doom,
They but augment the deep and sweeping thoughts
Which overpower all others, and conduct
The world at last to freedom.

BYRON

Marino Faliero

DCCCXI

Seu ita placuerat principibus Gallorum ostentari quaedam incendia terroris causa, si compelli ad deditionem caritate sedum suarum obsessi possent.

LIVY

Perhaps it had been the plan of the High Command to give the besieged some samples of incendiary frightfulness in the hope that they would be forced into surrender by their affection for their buildings.

MAY 1942

DCCCXII

Never may from our souls one truth depart—
That an accursed thing it is to gaze
On prosperous tyrants with a dazzled eye;
Nor—touched with due abhorrence of *their* guilt
For whose dire ends tears flow, and blood is spilt,
And justice labours in extremity—
Forget thy weakness, upon which is built,
O wretched man, the throne of tyranny!

WORDSWORTH

DCCCXIII

As the importance of our being strong at sea was ever very great, so in our present circumstances it is grown to be much greater because, as formerly our force of shipping contributed greatly to our trade and safety, so now it is become indispensably necessary to our very being.

HALIFAX

Rough Draft of a New Model at Sea, 1694

DCCCXIV

We have not exercised our courage in undertaking wars to increase our wealth, but only to continue in the observance of our traditions: for though we bear other losses with patience, yet when any persons would compel us to violate our traditions, we then choose to go to war, even against tremendous odds, and bear the greatest calamities to the last with full fortitude.

JOSEPHUS

DCCCXV

Happy the man, and happy he alone,
He who can call to-day his own—
He who, secure within, can say:
To-morrow do thy worst, for I have lived to-day.

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Come fair or foul, or rain, or shine,
The joys I have possessed, in spite of fate, are mine.
Not heaven itself over the past hath power;
But what has been has been, and I have had my hour.

DRYDEN

Lines copied out by Lord Randolph Churchill about 1891.
[It fell to me in those days to express the sentiments and resolves of the British nation in that supreme crisis of its life. That was for me an honour far beyond any dreams or ambitions I had ever nursed, and it is one that cannot be taken away.

MR. CHURCHILL, May 10, 1942]

DCCCXVI

Qui l'ira al cor, qui la pietade abbonda:
Pugnò, cadde gran parte anche di noi;
Ma per la moribonda
Italia no; per li tiranni suoi.

LEOPARDI

Here rage, here pity rises in the heart: we too in great numbers fought and fell. For wounded Italy? No, for her tyrants.

DCCCXVII

Eternal Spirit of the chainless mind!
Brightest in dungeons, Liberty! thou art,
For there thy habitation is the heart—
The heart which love of thee alone can bind;
And when thy sons to fetters are consign'd—
To fetters, and the damp vault's dayless gloom,
Their country conquers with their martyrdom,
And Freedom's fame finds wings on every wind.

BYRON

MAY 1942

DCCCXVIII

But should their flat-bottoms in darkness get o'er,
Still Britons they'll find to receive them on shore.

DAVID GARRICK

DCCCXIX

If you seek us afterwards in other terms, you shall find us
in our salt-water girdle; if you beat us out of it, it is yours.
If you fall in the adventure, our crows shall fare the better
for you; and there's an end.

SHAKESPEARE

Cymbeline

DCCCXX

Land whose proud and rocky bosom
Braves the sky continually!
Where should strength and valour blossom,
Land of rocks, if not in thee?

GEORGE BORROW

Death of Balder (after J. Ewald)

DCCCXXI

Justice in her very essence is all strength and activity; and
hath a sword put into her hand, to use against all violence
and oppression on the earth.

MILTON

DCCCXXII

No, there is a necessity in Fate,
Why still the brave bold man is fortunate;
He keeps his object ever full in sight,
And that assurance holds him firm and right;
True, 'tis a narrow way that leads to bliss,
But right before there is no precipice;
Fear makes men look aside, and so their footing miss.

DRYDEN

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of whom, by being first vanquished, prevented them from vanquishing the victors; for it is not by good fortune that the Roman state has advanced to such a height of power, but by the endurance and courage of those who court danger.

PLUTARCH

Life of Crassus (G. LONG's version)

DCCCXXX

There are on earth to-day two great peoples who from different starting-points seem to move towards the same goal: the Russians and the Americans. Both have expanded in the shade, while the eyes of men were busy elsewhere, they have taken their place suddenly in the forefront of the nations, and the world has become aware, almost at the same moment, of their birth and of their greatness. . . . Their starting-points are different and their paths different; yet each seems called by a hidden purpose of Providence to hold in its hands one day the destinies of half mankind.

DE TOCQUEVILLE

DCCCXXXI

The penal law is a categorical imperative; and woe to that man who crawls through the serpentine turnings of the happiness-doctrine, to find out some consideration, which, by its promise of advantage, should free the criminal from his penalty, or even from any degree thereof.

KANT

JUNE 1942

*German offensive on Kharkov front and in Libya—Mr.
Churchill in U.S.A.—Fall of Tobruk.*

DCCCXXXII

Some of Blake's remarks are not without a brisk candour: as when the Zurich philanthropist [Lavater] tells one, "The great art to love your enemy consists in never losing sight of *man* in him," &c.; and he boldly replies, "None *can* see the man in the enemy. If he is ignorantly so, he is not truly an enemy: if maliciously so, not a man. I cannot love my enemy, for my enemy is not a man but a beast. And if I have any, I can love him as a beast, and wish to beat him."

GILCHRIST

Life of Blake

DCCCXXXIII

Armorum sonitum toto Germania caelo
Audiit; insolitis tremuerunt motibus Alpes.

VIRGIL

A roar of arms filled all the German sky,
And the Alps trembled at the prodigy.

DCCCXXXIV

'Tis not here, as in fencing, where the most hits gain the prize; for so long as the enemy is on foot, the game is new to begin, and that is not to be called a victory that puts not an end to the war.

MONTAIGNE

(COTTON's translation)

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DCCCXXXV

Germany is the only country for which I have at any time conceived, in my experience, a positive dislike, because it is the only country where one does not find the vulgar virtues which oil the wheels of life. . . . It is the land which has in it the least noble and generous feeling, and perhaps the least truth in all Europe.

HENRY REEVE (1833)

DCCCXXXVI

ἀπόλοιτο καὶ ἄλλος ὅτις τοιαῦτά γε ῥέζοι.

HOMER

So perish all who perpetrate such deeds.

DCCCXXXVII

Humanity, as it passes through phase after phase of the historical movement, may advance indefinitely in excellence, but its advance will be an indefinite approximation to the Christian type. A divergence from that type, to whatever extent it may take place, will not be progress, but debasement and corruption. In a moral point of view, in short, the world may abandon Christianity, but can never advance beyond it.

GOLDWIN SMITH

DCCCXXXVIII

Before we loose the word
That bids new worlds to birth,
Needs must we loosen first the sword
Of justice upon earth.

RUDYARD KIPLING

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DCCCXXXIX

ὥς οἱ μὲν μάρναντο, σιδήρειος δ' ὀρυμαγδὸς
χάλκεον οὐρανὸν ἔκε δι' αἰθέρος ἀτρυγέτοιο.

HOMER: *Il.* xvii. 424-5

So fought they, and the desert air let rise
An iron clangour to the brazen skies.

DCCCXL

"There is no safety for us," Treitschke said, "except by annihilation of the small States." It is now sought to apply this same theory on a far larger scale. This is, in reality, an instance of misapplied Darwinism. The validity of the theory can only be admitted if human beings are in all respects to be assimilated to the brute creation. It involves a complete confusion between a law of Nature and a "law of life." Animals, birds, and insects devour each other because they are obliged to do so in order to live, and because they are not restrained from doing so by any moral or intellectual scruples. This is the law of Nature. But the "law of life," to which Treitschke and his fellow-historians appeal, has not been ordained by Nature. It has been made by men, and, moreover, by bad men.

LORD CROMER (1915)

DCCCXLI

. . . genus hominum potentibus infidum, sperantibus fallax, quod in civitate nostra et vetabitur semper et retinebitur.

TACITUS: *Hist.* i. 22.

. . . astrologers—a tribe of men who betray the great, and befool the credulous—a tribe that in our city will always be proscribed, and always hold their ground.

(Trans. G. G. RAMSAY)

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DCCCXLII

Two things we ought to learn from history; one, that we are not in ourselves superior to our fathers; another, that we are shamefully and monstrosly inferior to them, if we do not advance beyond them.

THOMAS ARNOLD, D.D.

(*ob.* June 12, 1842)

DCCCXLIII

Justice, when equal scales she holds, is blind.
Nor cruelty, nor mercy, change her mind;
When some escape for that which others die,
Mercy to those, to these is cruelty.

SIR JOHN DENHAM (1615-1669)

DCCCXLIV

Bless'd with true happiness if we may be
United helpers forward of a day
Of firmer trust, joint-labourers in a work
(Should Providence such grace to us vouchsafe)
Of their redemption, surely yet to come.

WORDSWORTH

DCCCXLV

Contempt for human life, taught us every day by nature, and alas! by man himself:—All war intensifies that. But the more permanent forces, alike of human nature and of the natural world, are on the whole in the interest of tranquillity and sanity, and of the sentiments proper to man.

WALTER PATER

Gaston de Latour

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DCCCXLVI

Wrench from their hand oppression's iron rod,
And bid the cruel feel the pains they give.

JAMES THOMPSON

Winter

DCCCXLVII

Britain is seldom so dangerous to her enemies as when the hour of national calamity has raised the dormant energies of her people, knit together every nerve and fibre of the body politic, and made her sons determined to do all, to bear all, to sacrifice all, on behalf of the country which gave them birth.

MR. JUSTICE WILLS (1902)

DCCCXLVIII

Terrible as war is, and terrible the apparent folly of mankind which allows it to continue, still it is to my mind obvious that those engaged in it could not give their lives, as they so constantly do, not only with conscious devotion to some high purpose, but even with an instinctive exultation and savage joy in the very act of death, if they were not impelled to do so by the insurgence of a greater life within—a life within each one more vivid, and even more tremendous than that which he throws away. The willing sacrifice of life, and the ecstasy of it, would be unintelligible if Death did not indeed mean Transformation.

EDWARD CARPENTER

DCCCXLIX

"You affect me deeply," said Justinian: "what bulwark would you oppose to the invasions of the enemy?" "A good army," replied Belisarius, "and above all, a people free and happy."

MARMONTEL

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DCCCL

But I think that when things are as bad as ever they can be you cease to mind them much. You set your teeth and battle with the Fates.

GERTRUDE BELL

DCCCLI

A man shulde not bowe for any fortune or trouble of mynde. . . . To tollerate those thinges whiche do seme bytter or grevous (wherof there be many in the lyfe of man and in fortune) betokeneth a good courage, and also moche constaunce.

SIR THOMAS ELYOT (1533)

DCCCLII

Lo (said Sir Dinadan), here may a man prove, be a man never so good yet may he have a fall, and he was never so wise but he might be overseen, and he rideth well that never fell.

MALORY

DCCCLIII

May the foes of my country ever find their hopes blasted by disappointments, and the silent prayers of the honest man to a Power that governs with justice, for their destruction meet always with success.

JOHN CLARE (1793-1864)

DCCCLIV

This Naval Power of the King of Great Britain is the security and safety of Europe; for if it were broken, they would look upon all the other as inconsiderable, because

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they are so far separate, that they might be destroyed, before they could unite; and in case they did, the issue would be very doubtful.

WILLIAM DE BRITAINE

The Dutch Usurpation (1672)

DCCCLV

Let us be doing, but let us be united in our doing.

OLIVER CROMWELL (1647)

DCCCLVI

The gods love courage armed with confidence,
And prayers fit to pull them down; Weak tears
And troubled hearts, the dull twins of cold spirits,
They sit and smile at.

BEAUMONT AND FLETCHER

θράσος φιλοῦσι, πύργον ἀνδρείας, θεοί,
καὶ τοὺς κατασκήπτοντας ἐκ θρόνων λιταῖς
δάκρυα τ' ἀμαυρὰ καὶ φρενῶν ἀθυμίαν
ὠδῖνα δισσήν ἐλπίδος κακῆς, ἔδρας
σεμνὰς γελῶσιν ἡσύχως καθήμενοι.

DR. W. R. INGE in *Nova Anthologia Oxoniensis*

DCCCLVII

He who seeks to deprive a nation of its liberty and independence, would rob them of things more dear than all other earthly possessions. If, in addition to this, he sheds the blood of innocent men, who fight only in defence of their rights, he adds a crime of the deepest dye to his other iniquities.

PETER PARLEY'S

Tales About Greece and Rome

JULY 1942

*Germans take Sevastopol and reach the Don—Heavy raids on
Hamburg and Dusseldorf.*

DCCCLVIII

There are two cheats equally hurtful to us; the first to terrify us, the last to make us too easy and consequently too secure; 'tis equally dangerous for us to be terrified into despair and bullied into more terror of our enemies than we need, or to be so exalted in conceit of our own force as to undervalue and condemn the power which we cannot reduce.

DEFOE'S *Review*

DCCCLIX

As long as we remain, we must speak free,
Tho' all the storm of Europe on us break. . . .

TENNYSON

DCCCLX

God speed the eye that sees, the ear that hears;
God speed the brain that grasps the mighty plan;
God speed the heart that knows nor doubts nor fears.
Steadfast and true; and oh, God speed the man
Who in his soul has sworn, ere all is done,
To carve and lift and lay his corner-stone.

C. A. SPRING RICE

DCCCLXI

καὶ παρὰ δύναμιν τολμῆται καὶ παρὰ γνώμην κινδυνεύεται καὶ
ἐν τοῖς δεινοῖς εὐέλπιδες.

THUCYDIDES I, 70

Daring beyond their strength, hazarding beyond their
judgment, and in extremities of excellent hope.

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DCCCLXII

And oft mid smoke and smother,
By blinding warstorm fanned,
Sons of our mighty Mother
They fall that she may stand.

WILLIAM WATSON

DCCCLXIII

In his first interview with the Governor of St. Helena, Napoleon said emphatically: "Egypt is the most important country in the world."

HOLLAND ROSE
Life of Napoleon

DCCCLXIV

Even Alexander the Great did not suspect the existence of China. Vast tracts of desert separated the great orderly society of land-owning Chinese from the active mariners and traders of the Mediterranean basin. The two civilizations of the planet grew up in mutual ignorance. Dante, reflecting the common view of the geographers of the thirteenth century, places Jerusalem at the centre of the earth.

H. A. L. FISHER

DCCCLXV

While his schemes were confounded, while his predictions were falsified . . . while the expeditions which he had set forth at enormous expense were ending in rout . . . his authority over the House of Commons was constantly becoming more and more absolute. . . . If some great misfortune, a pitched battle lost by the Allies, the annexation of a new department to the French Republic . . . had spread dismay through the ranks of his majority, that dismay lasted

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only till he rose from the Treasury Bench, drew up his haughty head, stretched his arm with commanding gesture, and poured forth, in deep and sonorous tones, the lofty language of inextinguishable hope and inflexible resolution. Thus, through a long and calamitous period, every disaster that happened without the walls of Parliament was regularly followed by a triumph within them. At length he had no longer an Opposition to encounter. In the eventful year 1799, the largest majority that could be mustered against the Government was 25.

MACAULAY
on William Pitt

DCCCLXVI

Thou—thou must wither to each tyrant's will;
The Goth hath been,—the German, Frank, and Hun
Are yet to come,—and on the imperial hill
Ruin, already proud of the deeds done
By the old barbarians, there awaits the new,
Throned on the Palatine, while lost and won
Rome at her feet lies bleeding.

BYRON
Prophecy of Dante

DCCCLXVII

The Enthusiasm of Humanity does indeed destroy a great deal of hatred, but it creates as much more. Selfish hatred is indeed charmed away, but a not less fiery passion takes its place. Dull serpentine malice dies, but a new unselfish anger begins to live. The bitter feelings which so easily spring up against those who thwart us, those who compete with us, those who surpass us, are destroyed by the Enthusiasm of Humanity. . . . But it creates an intolerant anger against all who do wrong to human beings, a vindictive enmity to tyrants and oppressors, such as the uninspired, inhumane soul could never entertain.

SEELEY
Ecce Homo

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DCCCLXVIII

Some day or other—probably now very soon—too probably by heavy afflictions of the State, we shall be taught . . . that all the true good and glory even of this world—not to speak of any that is to come, must be bought still, as it always has been, with our toil, and with our tears.

RUSKIN

DCCCLXIX

Omne bellum sumi facile, caeterum aegerrime desinere, non in eiusdem potestate initium eius et finem esse. Incipere cuivis etiam ignavo licere, non deponi, nisi cum victores velint.

SALLUST

Bellum Jugurthinum, 83

War [said Metellus] was always easy to begin, but most difficult to finish; the beginning and the end were not in the same man's power. Anyone, even a coward, could begin a war, but it could not be ended except at the will of the victor.

DCCCLXX

Departed spirits of the mighty dead!
Ye that at Marathon and Leuctra bled!
Friends of the world! restore your swords to man,
Fight in his sacred cause, and lead the van.

THOMAS CAMPBELL

Pleasures of Hope

DCCCLXXI

The peasants themselves are deeply calm regarding the spectacle of suffering and death. Death does not horrify them; on the contrary, the idea of glorious death is spiritual meat and drink to them. They love their brother soldier alive, but when he is dead, he becomes something holy.

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This makes the Russian almost invincible. The only thing that could disturb the enthusiasm of the Russian troops would be the idea that they were fighting for a wrong cause.

STEPHEN GRAHAM

Russia and the World (1915)

DCCCLXXII

Gods of the earth! ye Kings! who answer not
To man for your misdeeds, and vainly think
There's none to judge you:—know, like ours, your lot
Is pain and death:—ye stand on judgement's brink.

LOMONOSOV

(Trans. SIR JOHN BOWRING)

DCCCLXXIII

God encrease your most excellent Majesty's forces, both by sea and land, daily; for this I surely think there was never any force so strong as there is now ready or making ready against your Majesty and true religion, but that the Lord of all strengths is stronger and will defend the truth of His word, for His own Name's sake; unto the which God be all glory given.

SIR FRANCIS DRAKE

To Queen Elizabeth, April 13, 1588

DCCCLXXIV

Be this the whetstone of your sword: let grief
Convert to anger; blunt not the heart, enrage it.

SHAKESPEARE

DCCCLXXV

Πολλὰ γὰρ κακῶς γνωσθέντα ἀβουλοτέρων τῶν ἐναντίων
τυχόντα κατωρθώθη, καὶ ἔτι πλείω καλῶς δοχοῦντα βουλευθῆναι
ἐς τοῦνάντιον αἰσχροῶς περιέστη.

THUCYDIDES, I, CXX

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Many enterprises which were ill-planned have succeeded because the adversary has proved to be still worse advised; and yet more, which to all appearances were well advised, have turned out the opposite way and brought disgrace.

(Loeb trans.)

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Tertia pars rerum Libye, si credere famae
Cuncta velis: at si ventos caelumque sequaris
Pars erit Europae. Nec enim plus litora Nili
Quam Scythicus Tanais primis a Gadibus absunt.

LUCAN

The earth's third part is Libya, if all's true
Of hearsay; but to go by wind and sky
'Tis part of Europe. Not Nile's coasts are more
Remote from Cadiz than the Scythian Don.

DCCCLXXVII

Vital exhalations can issue still from the corpse of France; that of Germany will be the focus of the pestilence of Europe. A nation that has lost its ideals does not survive itself. Its death fertilizes nothing, and those who breathe its fetid emanations are struck by the ill that killed it. Poor Germany! the cup of the wrath of the Eternal is poured out on you quite as much as on us, and while you rejoice and become intoxicated, the philosophic spirit is weeping over you and prepares your epitaph. This pale and bleeding, wounded thing that is called France, holds still in its tense hands a fold of the starry mantle of the future, and you drape yourself in a soiled flag, which will be your winding-sheet.

GEORGE SAND

To Gustave Flaubert, September, 1871

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DCCCLXXVIII

I reminded the women of the difficulties their husbands and sons were frequently exposed to at sea, and that the more plain and simple their way of living was, the less need there would be of running great hazards to support them.

JOHN WOOLMAN, 1760

DCCCLXXIX

Let thy mind still be bent, still plotting where
And when and how the business may be done.
Slackness breeds worms; but the sure traveller,
Though he alight sometimes, still goeth on.

GEORGE HERBERT

DCCCLXXX

Altogether it appeared to me that, in the end, for a prolonged struggle a democracy was better suited to hold out than an autocracy.

RICHARD BURDON HALDANE

DCCCLXXXI

. . . wasted lands,
Blight and famine, plague and earthquake, roaring deeps and
fiery sands,
Clanging fights, and flaming towns, and sinking ships, and
praying hands.

TENNYSON

DCCCLXXXII

Human society cannot be changed in a year, scarcely in a hundred years; its organism is as complex as that of the most differentiated form of physical life. . . . No single

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man, no single group of men, no generation of men can remodel human society; their influence when measured in the future will be found wondrously insignificant. . . . When the historian . . . comes to investigate . . . what does he find? A great deal of human pain, a great deal of destruction. And of human creation? The veriest little . . . the same round of human selfishness, of human misery, of human ignorance: touched here and there, as of old, by the same human beauty, the same human greatness.

KARL PEARSON

DCCCLXXXIII

It may not be long before the dear old island has to call on all friends of liberty to help her in a struggle for life or death. . . . And the Indian news still makes us uneasy.

J. D. COLERIDGE

(afterwards Lord Chief Justice), 1858

DCCCLXXXIV

Myself.—Are the Russians good soldiers?

Hungarian.—They are stubborn and unflinching to an astonishing degree. . . .

GEORGE BORROW

The Romany Rye

AUGUST 1942

*Gandhi arrested—Russians leave Maikop and Krasnodar—
Dieppe raid—Mr. Churchill in Cairo and Moscow—Duke
of Kent killed.*

DCCCLXXXV

Devota morti pectora liberae . . .

HORACE

Heroes, whom love of freedom dooms to die.

DCCCLXXXVI

I tremble when I think of the catastrophes of our times. How many innocent people have been made the sport of these brutes! I am not thinking of the misfortunes of an unhappy few, but the thread on which the fortunes of a whole civilization depend. These wolves from the north have overthrown whole provinces, causing rivers to run red with blood. They have laid siege to great cities and have carried off troops of captives. Language fails in dealing with a theme so vast. It is our sins which have made this war possible; God is using the fury of the barbarians to execute His judgments upon the world.

ST. JEROME

In his Letters

DCCCLXXXVII

The coast of France, the coast of France how near!
Drawn almost into frightful neighbourhood,
I shrunk, for verily the barrier flood
Was like a lake, or river bright and fair,
A span of waters; yet what power is there!
What mightiness for evil or for good!

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Even so doth God protect us if we be
Virtuous and wise. Winds blow and waters roll,
Strength to the brave, and power, and deity,
Yet in themselves are nothing! One decree
Spake laws to them, and said that by the soul
Only the nations shall be great and free.

WORDSWORTH

DCCCLXXXVIII

"Stand ye not aloof then from this contest," they [the Scythian envoys] went on to say, "look not on tamely while we are perishing—but make common cause with us, and together let us meet the enemy. If ye refuse, we must yield to the pressure, and either quit our country, or make terms with the invaders. For what else is left for us to do, if your aid be withheld from us? The blow, be sure, will not light on you more gently upon this account. The Persian comes against you no less than against us: and will not be content, after we are conquered, to leave you in peace."

HERODOTUS iv. 118

(Trans. RAWLINSON)

DCCCLXXXIX

. . . ὀλίγη δέ τ' ἀνάπνευσις πολέμοιο.

HOMER

For battle grants men little time for breath.

(Trans. SIR W. MARRIS)

DCCCXC

It is true that when a State is at peace the established practices are best left unmodified, but pelled to enter into many undertakir improvement in method.

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DCCCXCI

With a tyranny begun on his own subjects, and indignation that others drew their breath independent of his frown or smile, why should he not proceed to the seizure of the world? And if nothing but the thirst of sway were the motive of his actions, why should treaties be other than mere words, or solemn national compacts be anything but an halt in the march of that army, who are never to lay down their arms until all men are reduced to the necessity of hanging their lives on his wayward will?

SIR RICHARD STEELE

DCCCXCII

The first requisite of a good citizen . . . is that he shall be able and willing to pull his weight; that he shall not be a mere passenger, but shall do his share in the work that each generation of us finds ready to hand.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT (1902)

DCCCXCIII

What shall we say to the man who would wilfully destroy the magnificent temple of God, in which I am now preaching? Far worse is he who ruins the moral edifices of the world, which time and toil, and many prayers to God, and many sufferings of men, have reared; who puts out the light of the times in which he lives, and leaves us to wander amid the darkness of corruption and the desolation of sin.

SYDNEY SMITH

DCCCXCIV

The Poles have a fearful hatred and antipathy to the Germans, in which I sympathize with them.

QUEEN CHRISTINA OF SWEDEN (1668)

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DCCCXCV

The mind of man has not in it sufficient ballast to enable it to exercise, or endure for long, supreme uncontrolled power. Or, to put it in other words, the human frame is unequal to anything approaching omnipotence. All history from the Caesars onwards teaches us this.

ROSEBERY

Napoleon : The Last Phase

DCCCXCVI

All have agreed, that his design was the empire of the whole Christian world if not more; and upon that ground he looks and hath looked at this Nation as his greatest obstacle. . . . Thus a State which you can neither have peace with nor reason from, that is the State with which you have enmity at this time, and against which you are engaged.

OLIVER CROMWELL (1656)

DCCCXCVII

O Thou, upon Whom the isles do wait, and in Whom is their trust, save this island and all the country in which we sojourn, from all affliction, peril, and necessity; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

BISHOP ANDREWES (1555)

DCCCXCVIII

If we perform our duty, we shall be safe and steady . . . and I hope the time will come when we may try our powers both with cliffs and water.

DR. JOHNSON (1771)

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DCCCXCIX

We have some amongst us much slow in action: if we could all attend our own ends less, and our ease too, our business in this Army would go on wheels for expedition!

CROMWELL (1644)

CM

Wherever the Italians are governed by German Rulers, they grow obstinate, sullen, yet spiritless, like so many Asses.

MRS. PIOZZI (1786)

CMI

For the cause that lacks assistance,
For the wrong that needs resistance,
For the future in the distance,
And the good that I can do.

GEORGE LINNAEUS BANKS (1821-81)

CMII

The power to will and to persist, moreover, in a resolution . . . is strongest and most surprising of all in that immense middle empire where Europe, as it were, flows back to Asia—namely, in Russia. There the power to will has been long stored up and accumulated, there the will . . . waits threateningly to be discharged.

NIETZSCHE

CMIII

. . . of all human rules the over-tense
Are apt to snap; the easy-stretch'd endure.—
O gentle wisdom, little understood!
O arts, above the vulgar tyrant's reach!
O policy too subtle far for sense
Of heady, masterful, injurious men!

MATTHEW ARNOLD

Merope

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CMIV

δπου γὰρ ἰσχυὺς συζυγοῦσι καὶ δίκῃ,
ποία ξυνωρίς τῇσδε καρτερωτέρα;

For where might and justice are yoke-fellows—what pair
is stronger than this?

AESCHYLUS
Fragm. 381

CMV

How devoutly it is to be hoped that in the coming conflict
of the nations America and England will stand side by side
. . . for if not it will be all over with the cause of liberty for
some centuries at least. The conqueror in the strife will be
then a military power, and must, perforce, crush the peoples
under a tyranny. And as to a universal war, that is inevit-
able, and in every direction men's minds are foreboding it—
a very strange symptom of the times to be so prevalent—
before a single *casus belli* has made its appearance.

F. W. ROBERTSON (1852)

CMVI

If the successful Troublers of Mankind,
With Laurel crown'd, so great Applause do find;
Shall the vext World less Honour yield to those
That stop their Progress, and their Rage oppose?

EDMUND WALLER

CMVII

Hath not the air put on his mourning coat,
And testified his grief with flowing tears?

SPENSER

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CMVIII

. . . οἱ γε, ἐπειδὴ ἡμῖν κατὰ γῆν οὐδεὶς ἐβοήθει, τῶν ἄλλων ἤδη μέχρι ἡμῶν δουλευόντων ἡξιώσαμεν ἐκλιπόντες τὴν πόλιν καὶ τὰ οἰκεῖα διαφθεύραντες μηδ' ὥς τὸ τῶν περιλοίπων ξυμμάχων κοινὸν προλιπεῖν μηδὲ σκεδασθέντες ἀχρεῖοι αὐτοῖς γενέσθαι . . και μὴ ὀργισθῆναι ὅτι ἡμῖν οὐ προτιμωρήσατε.

THUCYDIDES I. 74

. . . for when no help came to us by land, and the rest were reduced to slavery even to our very doors, we resolved, by leaving our homesteads and destroying our possessions, not to betray the common cause of the allies nor to become useless to them by being dispersed and to feel no bitterness against you for not reinforcing us.

CMIX

An Englishman's true glory should be, to do his business well, and say little about it; but he disgraces himself when he puffs his prowess as if he had finished his task, when he has but just begun it.

WILLIAM COWPER

(To the Rev. William Unwin, May 27, 1782)

CMX

I have heard, indeed, of some virtuous persons who have ended unfortunately, but never of any virtuous nation; Providence is engaged too deeply when the cause becomes so general.

DRYDEN

Dedication of *Annus Mirabilis* to the City of London

SEPTEMBER 1942

Japanese checked in Papua—Armistice asked for in Madagascar—Russian counter-offensive at Stalingrad.

CMXI

It was an excellent saying of Solon's, and worthy of the wisest of the famous Seven, who, when he was asked, πῶς ῥηκίστα ἀδικοῦεν οἱ ἄνθρωποι, "What would rid the world of injuries?"—"If the bystanders," says he, "would have the same resentment with those that suffer the wrong." Εἰ ὁμοίως ἔχθοιντο τοῖς ἀδικουμένοις οἱ μὴ ἀδικούμενοι.

RICHARD BENTLEY

Dissertation

CMXII

Ours is a great country, with long traditions, round which the life of a nation has twined itself. You cannot put things right by making an abrupt break with the past. You cannot create a new society or a new religion: you might as well try to build a tree.

WILLIAM RALPH INGE

CMXIII

Neither is this a matter to be deferred till a more convenient time of peace and leisure; because a reformation in men's faith and morals is the best natural as well as religious means to bring the war to a good conclusion. For if men in trust performed their duty for conscience sake, affairs would not suffer through fraud, falsehood, and neglect, as they now perpetually do. And if they believed a God and his provi-

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dence, and acted accordingly, they might reasonably hope for his divine assistance in so just a cause as ours.

JONATHAN SWIFT

A Project for the Advancement of Religion and the Reformation of Manners (sermon), 1709.

CMXIV

There was the consciousness of silent endurance, so dear to every Englishman,—of standing out against something, and not giving in.

THOMAS HUGHES

Tom Brown's School Days

CMXV

We English are accustomed to consider ourselves secure under the guardianship of the sea; although in fact the safety comes not from the broad girdle of blue water but from the strength and skill of the English navy that rides upon it.

SIR ALFRED LYALL

British Dominion in India

CMXVI

Non est plena victoria, ubi armatus hostis superest, quamquam et si hunc oppresseris, alii renascentur, quasdam nempe victorias, ceu sementem dicas esse bellorum, sic odia ferro trunca repullulant, densanturque et redivivi in aciem redeunt bellatores.

PETRARCH

De Remediis Utriusque Fortunae

There is no complete victory where the enemy remains under arms; though even if he be overpowered others will rise in his place; for there are victories which may be said

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to sow wars, so do enmities sprout afresh after the sword has lopped them, and the field thickens as the fighting men return to it renewed.

CMXVII

The reverence for human life is carried to an immoral idolatry when it is held more sacred than justice and right, and when the spectacle of blood becomes more horrible than the sight of desolating tyrannies and triumphant hypocrisies.

JAMES MARTINEAU

CMXVIII

I should think, if England knows her own interest, she will use every endeavour to gain the good-will and reconcile the Maltese to the British Government. At present [1801] I understood they had expressed the strongest attachment to our interest.

W. DYOTT
Diary

CMXIX

To the south-west of the green plain that girdles in the rock of Salzburg, the gigantic mass of the Untersberg frowns over the road which winds up a long defile to the glen and lake of Berchtesgaden. There, far up among its limestone crags, in a spot scarcely accessible to human foot, the peasants of the valley point out to the traveller the black mouth of a cavern, and tell him that within the red-bearded Emperor lies amid his Knights in an enchanted sleep, waiting the hour when the ravens shall cease to hover round the peak, and the pear-tree blossom in the valley, to descend with his Crusaders and bring back to Germany the golden age of peace and strength and unity.

BRYCE
Holy Roman Empire

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CMXX

The charter of a nation's liberties is an article of the charter of humanity, and they alone deserve that charter who are ready to conquer and die for all humanity.

MAZZINI (1850)

CMXXI

There is but one law for all, namely, that law which governs all law, the law of our Creator, the law of humanity, justice, equity—the law of nature and of nations. So far as any laws fortify this primeval law, and give it more precision, more energy, more effect by their declarations, such laws enter into the sanctuary, and participate in the sacredness of its character.

EDMUND BURKE (1794)

CMXXII

Ξυνὸν δ' ἐσθλὸν τοῦτο πόλῃ τε παντί τε δήμῳ,
ὅστις ἂν εὔ διαβὰς ἐν προμάχοισι μένῃ
νωλεμέως, αἰσχροῦς δὲ φυγῆς ἐπὶ πάγχυ λάθῃται,
ψυχὴν καὶ θυμὸν τλήμονα παρθέμενος,
θαρσύνῃ δ' ἔπεσιν τὸν πλῆσιον ἄνδρα παρεστῶς.
οὗτος ἀνὴρ ἀγαθὸς γίγνεται ἐν πολέμῳ.

TYRTAEUS

He is his city's and its people's good,
Who with the champions hath stept forth and stood,
Nor slackens ever in the stubborn fight,
Spirit and soul with no base thought of flight.
'Tis thus the good man to the wars will go,
And fire his neighbour to defy the foe.

CMXXIII

Now Piers and his pilgrims to the plough are gone;
To plough his half-acre there helped him full many;
Dikers and delvers, they digged up the balks,
And Perkin was pleased then, and praised them at work.
Other workmen there were too, that eagerly worked;
Each man, in his manner, well made the attempt;
And some, to please Perkin, would pick up the weeds.

LANGLAND

Vision of Piers Plowman (Skeat's modern English version)

CMXXIV

Those who watch India most impartially see that a vast transformation goes on there, but sometimes it produces a painful impression upon them; they see much destroyed, bad things and good things together; sometimes they doubt whether they see many good things called into existence. But they see one enormous improvement, under which we may fairly hope that all other improvements are potentially included, they see anarchy and plunder brought to an end and something like the *immensa majestas Romanae pacis* established among two hundred and fifty millions of human beings.

J. R. SEELEY

The Expansion of England (1883)

CMXXV

They tax our policy, and call it cowardice;
Count wisdom as no member of the war;
Foretell prescience, and esteem no act
But that of hand: the still and mental parts,
That do contrive how many hands shall strike,

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When fitness calls them on ; and know, by measure
Of their observant toil, the enemies' weight,—
Why, this hath not a finger's dignity :
They call this bed-work, mappery, closet-war ;
So that the ram that batters down the wall,
For the great swing and rudeness of his poise,
They place before his hand that made the engine,
Or those that with the fineness of their souls
By reason guide his execution.

SHAKESPEARE

Troilus and Cressida, 1, 3

CMXXVI

Nulla timoris significatio, nulla mentio pacis. Tanta vis
est honesti, ut speciem utilitatis obscurat.

CICERO

de Officiis, III. 47

There was not a sign of fear, not a mention of peace.
Such is the power of honour, that it casts into the shade
the appearance of expediency.

CMXXVII

Leave to the German his fatuous brag of being pure-
blooded and uncrossed—a boast which the crabtree has made
to the apple, and the sloe tree to the plum, for thousands of
years.

J. S. PHILLIMORE

Translation and Translators (1919)

CMXXVIII

Non possidentem multa vocaveris
recte beatum ; rectius occupat
nomen beati, qui deorum
muneribus sapienter uti,

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duramque callet pauperiem pati
peiusque leto flagitium timet,
non ille pro caris amicis
aut patria timidus perire.

HORACE

'Tis not the man possessed of much
We rightly bless, but rightlier such
As with sagacious sense
Complies with Providence;
Endures what want and hardship give;
Were honour lost, would hate to live;
And fearless meets his end
As patriot, lover, friend.

CMXXIX

If we think more wisely, while there is yet time, and set our minds again on multiplying Englishmen, and not on cheapening English wares; if we resolve to submit to wholesome laws of labour and economy, and, setting our political squabbles aside, try how many strong creatures, friendly and faithful to each other, we can crowd into every spot of English dominion, neither poison nor iron will prevail against us; nor traffic—nor hatred: the noble nation will yet, by the grace of Heaven, rule over the ignoble, and force of heart hold its own against fire-balls.

RUSKIN

CMXXX

The Russian Army, when on the defensive, purposely wears the enemy out; then, when his adversary is at his last gasp, choosing the moment when he is least expected, the Russian falls upon him and drives his foe before him with ever-increasing losses. A defensive followed up by an offensive—we have here the basis of Russian strategy, the peculiar characteristic of the Russian nation and of its history.

COLONEL PERETTS

The Soul of Russia (1916)

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CMXXXI

Di patrii, quorum semper sub numine Troia est,
Non tamen omnino Teucros delere paratis,
Cum tales animos juvenum et tam certa tulistis
Pectora.

VIRGIL

Our country's gods, in whom our trust we place,
Will yet from ruin save the Trojan race,
While we behold such dauntless worth appear
In dawning youth and souls so void of fear.

DRYDEN'S version

CMXXXII

Not only the art of the farmer, the general direction of the operations of husbandry, but many inferior branches of country labour, require much more skill and experience than the greater part of the mechanic trades. . . . How much the lower ranks of people in the country are really superior to those of the town, is well known to every man whom either business or curiosity has led to converse much with both.

ADAM SMITH

CMXXXIII

This is always the way with the Russians. Just when further resistance seems hopeless they begin to fight *à outrance*.

SIR IAN HAMILTON (1907)

CMXXXIV

Someone was talking of the mischief which beliefs had produced in the world. "Yes," Carlyle said, "belief has done much evil; but it has done all the good." We do not, we cannot certainly know what we are, or where we

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are going. But if we believe nobly about ourselves, we have a chance of living nobly. If we believe basely, base we shall certainly become.

J. A. FROUDE

CMXXXV

T' whom Michael thus, he also moved, replied :—
“ These are two brethren, Adam, and to come
Out of thy loins; th' unjust the just hath slain,
For envy that his brother's offering found
From Heaven acceptance; but the bloody fact
Will be avenged, and th' other's faith approved
Lose no reward, though here thou see him die,
Rolling in dust and gore.”

MILTON

CMXXXVI

There will be Kantians forthcoming who in the world of phenomena will know nothing of reverence for aught, and who will ravage without mercy, and riot with sword and axe through the soil of all European life to dig out the last root of the past. . . . The old stone gods will rise from their long-forgotten ruin and rub the dust of a thousand years from their eyes, and Thor, leaping to life with his giant hammer, will crush the Gothic cathedrals!

HEINE (1834)

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Field-Marshal Smuts and Mrs. Roosevelt in London—British offensive in Western Desert.

CMXXXVII

It is by reverence for the Powers Unseen and Eternal that the powers of Evil, however imperfectly, have been kept at bay and the fabric of society held together.

BRYCE

CMXXXVIII

Lately, Marcellinus, fighting you had borne with constant soul
Northern snows and lazy stars that circle round the Gothic
pole,

Now the crag of old Prometheus and the storied mountains
rise

Looming near and ever nearer to the survey of your eyes.

There you see the rocks of old that echoed to his agony,

To his measureless lamenting, "Harder," you will say,
"was he."

This as well: "Who had the power to bear such pain with
constant mind

Was in truth a worthy moulder of the enduring human
kind."

MARTIAL ix, 45

Trans. by GEORGE G. LOANE

CMXXXIX

Whenever any principle, be it what it may, tends to the establishment of absolute dominion in Europe, there is invariably opposed to it a vigorous resistance, having its origin in the deepest springs of human nature.

RANKE (1834)

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CMXL

Both liberty and property are precarious unless the possessors have sense and spirit enough to defend them.

Introduction to the Letters of JUNIUS

CMXLI

God of battles, was ever a battle like this in the world before?

TENNYSON

CMXLII

This only makes a war lawful; that it is a struggle for Law against Force; for the life of a people as expressed in their laws, their language, their government, against any effort to impose on them a law, a language, a government which is not theirs.

FREDERICK DENISON MAURICE

CMXLIII

Blessing is only for the meek and merciful; and a German cannot be either; he does not understand even the meaning of the words. . . . When the Germans get command of Lombardy, they bombard Venice, steal her pictures (which they can't understand a single touch of), and entirely ruin the country, morally and physically, leaving behind them misery, vice, and intense hatred of themselves, wherever their accursed feet have trodden. They do precisely the same thing by France,—crush her, rob her, leave her in misery of rage and shame; and return home, smacking their lips, and singing Te Deums.

RUSKIN

Fors Clavigera iv (1874)

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CMXLIV

Prisoners to a foe inhuman, Oh! but our hearts rebel;
Defenceless victims ye are, in claws of spite a prey,

Nor trouble we just Heaven that quick revenge be done
On Satan's chamberlains highseated in Berlin;
Their reek floats round the world on all lands neath the sun:
Tho' in craven Germany was no man found, not one
With spirit enough to cry Shame!—Nay but on such sin
Follows Perdition eternal . . . and it has begun.

ROBERT BRIDGES (1918)

CMXLV

The first notable example of a roving troop existing for the sake of pillage, and selling its services to any bidder, was the so-called Great Company (1343), commanded by the German Guarnieri, or Duke Werner, who wrote upon his corslet: "Enemy of God, of Pity, and of Mercy."

J. A. SYMONDS

Renaissance in Italy

CMXLVI

The discovery of the new world, coinciding with the swift diffusion of printed books, taught the Europeans that "Truth" in Bacon's noble phrase "is the daughter not of authority but of time."

H. A. L. FISHER

History of Europe

CMXLVII

Already labouring with a mighty fate,
She shakes the rubbish from her mounting brow,
And seems to have renew'd her charter's date,
Which Heaven will to the death of Time allow.

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More great than human now, and more august,
Now deify'd she from her fires does rise;
Her widening streets on new foundations trust,
And opening into larger parts she flies.

DRYDEN

Annus Mirabilis (1666)

CMXLVIII

They are a covetous people above all other. And they have no pity if they have the upper hand, and are hard and evil handlers of their prisoners. . . . They are people worse than Saracens or Paynims, for their excessive covetousness quencheth the knowledge of honour.

FROISSART

(On the Germans)

CMXLIX

Εἰθ' ὑμεῖς τὸν οὕτως ὠμόν, τὸν οὕτως ἀγνώμονα, τὸν τηλικαύτας δίκας λαμβάνοντα ὥν αὐτὸς ἡδικῆσθαι φησι μόνον (οὐ γὰρ ἡδίκητό γε), τοῦτον ὑβρίζοντα ἀφήσετε, καὶ μήθ' ἱερῶν μήτε νόμου πρόνοιαν ποιούμενον οὐ καταψηφιεῖσθε; οὐ παράδειγμα ποιήσετε;

DEMOSTHENES

Will you let a man so cruel, so devoid of feeling, who takes such vengeance for wrongs which he himself alone says he has endured—though he has never really sustained any; will you, I say, allow such a man to get off scot-free with his insults, and as he pays no heed to law or religion, will you not condemn him, make him an example?

(Trans. E. H. BLAKENEY)

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CML

At nos non imperium neque divitias petimus, quarum rerum causa bella atque certamina omnia inter mortalis sunt, sed libertatem, quam nemo bonus, nisi cum anima simul, omittit.

SALLUST

Catiline, 33

We ask neither for power nor for riches, the usual causes of war and strife among mortals, but only for freedom, which no true man gives up except with his life.

(Trans. J. C. ROLFE)

CMLI

He was ill at ease. He felt like some great general, who has launched many attacks against the foe, very successful at first, then less successful, then repulsed with difficulty, then repulsed with ease, till at last the foe stands before him impregnable. Then he feels that ere long that iron enemy will attack him in turn, and that he, exhausted by his own onslaughts, must defend himself how he can.

CHARLES READE

Hard Cash

CMLII

Maledictions, whispered vows
Underneath the linden boughs;
Murder, bigamy and theft;
Travellers of goods bereft;
Rapine, pillage, arson, spoil—
Everything but honest toil,
Are the deeds that best define
Every legend of the Rhine.

BRET HARTE

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CMLIII

It is the custom of some of the apologists for modern Caesarism to defend it by pointing to the Roman Empire as the happiest period in human history. No apology can be more unfortunate. The first task of a modern despot is to centralize to the highest point, to bring every department of thought and action under a system of police regulation, and, above all, to impose his shackling tyranny upon the human mind.

LECKY

European Morals

CMLIV

As earth has but one England, crown and head
Of all her glories till the sun be dead,

Supreme in peace and war, supreme in song,
Supreme in freedom, since her rede was read,
Since first the soul that gave her speech grew strong
To help the right and heal the wild world's wrong,

So she hath but one royal Nelson, born
To reign on time above the years that throng.

SWINBURNE

Trafalgar Day

CMLV

Dicere enim bene nemo potest nisi qui prudenter intellegit;
qua re qui eloquentiae verae dat operam, dat prudentiae, qua
ne maximis quidem in bellis aequo animo carere quisquam
potest.

CICERO

Brutus

There can be no good speaking without sound thinking;
consequently devotion to true eloquence implies devotion to
sound thinking, and that, even in the ~~greatest of wars~~, is not
reasonably to be dispensed with..

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CMLVI

We must prepare for the coming hour. The claims of the Future are represented by suffering millions; and the Youth of a Nation are the trustees of Posterity.

DISRAELI
Sybil

CMLVII

A man in the right relies easily on his rectitude, and therefore goes about unarmed. His very strength is his weakness. A man in the wrong knows that he must look to his weapons; his very weakness is his strength. The one is never prepared for combat, the other is always ready.

ANTHONY TROLLOPE
Barchester Towers

CMLVIII

It is impossible to escape from other men's wrongdoings, when they are cruel and hard to remedy, or even wholly irremediable, otherwise than by victorious fighting and self-defence and by punishing most rigorously; and this no soul can achieve without noble passion.

PLATO
Laws (Trans. BURY)

CMLIX

It is essentially barbaric that one community should be treated as the property of another and the fruits of its industry confiscated, not in return for benefits conferred, but by some absolute right whether of conquest or otherwise. Even where such a relation rests avowedly upon conquest, it is too immoral to last long, except in a barbarous state of manners.

J. R. SEELEY

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CMLX

Cold not only saps a man's courage if he has to die, but impairs his energy if others have to die, and, finally, gives him rheumatics, if it be God's will that he lives.

ANTHONY HOPE
Prisoner of Zenda

CMLXI

It is remarkable how the Germans have succeeded in making themselves detested throughout the length and breadth of Italy. . . . Those who have quick ears may frequently catch the muttered expression *porco d'un tedesco* ! as he passes.

RICHARD BAGOT
The Italian Lakes (1905)

CMLXII

τοῖς μὲν σώμασιν ἀλλοτριωτάτοις ὑπὲρ τῆς πόλεως χρῶνται,
τῇ δὲ γνώμῃ οἰκειοτάτῃ ἐς τὸ πράσσειν τι ὑπὲρ αὐτῆς.

THUCYDIDES

They serve their city as if their bodies were not their own, while they use their minds as cherished instruments on her behalf.

CMLXIII

[Man] needs must fight
To make true peace his own,
He needs must combat might with might,
Or Might would rule alone.

TENNYSON
Epilogue to Charge of the Heavy Brigade
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British break-through in Egypt—Axis forces in retreat—Landings in French North Africa—Vichy France occupied—Fleet scuttled at Toulon.

CMLXIV

Nor yet be awed, nor yet your task disown,
Though war's proud votaries look on severe;
Though secrets, taught erewhile to them alone,
They deem profaned by your intruding ear.
Let them in vain, your martial hope to quell,
Of new refinements, fiercer weapons tell,
And mock the old simplicity, in vain:
To the time's warfare, simple or refined,
The time itself adapts the warrior's mind:
And equal prowess still shall equal palms obtain.

MARK AKENSIDE

CMLXV

In A.D. 962, the German king became Roman Emperor. No two systems can be more unlike those whose headship became thus vested in one person: the one centralized, the other local; the one resting on a sublime theory, the other the rude offspring of anarchy; the one gathering all power into the hands of an irresponsible monarch, the other limiting his rights, and authorizing resistance to his commands. Characters so repugnant could not meet in one person, or if they met must strive till one swallowed up the other.

BRYCE

CMLXVI

For men to be tied and led by authority, as it were with a kind of captivity of judgment, and though there be reason to the contrary not to listen unto it, but to follow like beasts the first in the herd, they know not nor care not whither, this were brutish.

HOOVER

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CMLXVII

That which was and is the strength of this Nation—the
Shipping.

OLIVER CROMWELL (1654)

CMLXVIII

εὐάγγελος μὲν, ὥσπερ ἡ παροιμία,
ἕως γένοιτο μητρὸς εὐφρόνης πάρα.

AESCHYLUS

Agamemnon

With joyful tidings, as the proverb goes,
Let Morning issue from her mother Night.

CMLXIX

O Heaven! when Swords for freedom shine,
And monarch's right, the cause is Thine!
Edge doubly every patriot blow!
Beat down the banners of the foe!
And be it to the nations known
That Victory is from God alone!

SCOTT

CMLXX

“The high tide!” King Alfred cried,
“The high tide and the turn.”

G. K. CHESTERTON

CMLXXI

Or thence from Niger-flood to Atlas mount,
The kingdoms of Almansor, Fez and Sus,
Marocco, and Algiers, and Tremisen;
On Europe thence . . .

MILTON

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CMLXXII

We have given them a handsome dressing, and I think they will not again say we are not a manoeuvring army.

WELLINGTON after the action at Sabugal

CMLXXIII

Who is against us? Who is on our side?

Whose heart of all men's hearts is one with man's?

Where art thou that wast prophetess and bride,

When truth and thou trod under time and chance?

What latter light of what new hope shall guide

Out of the snares of hell thy feet, O France?

ALGERNON CHARLES SWINBURNE

CMLXXIV

Nobly, nobly Cape Saint Vincent to the North-West died away;

Sunset ran, one glorious blood-red, reeking into Cadiz Bay;

Bluish 'mid the burning water, full in face Trafalgar lay;

In the dimmest North-East distance, dawned Gibraltar grand and gray;

"Here and here did England help me: how can I help England?"—say,

Whoso turns as I, this evening, turn to God to praise and pray,

While Jove's planet rises yonder, silent over Africa.

ROBERT BROWNING

CMLXXV

This is a glorious Day: God help England to answer His Mercies! I have no more; but beseech you in all your parts to gather into bodies, and pursue.

OLIVER CROMWELL

(Aug. 20, 1648)

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It is not without the highest satisfaction, that every lover of mankind must look upon the alterations that have lately been produced in the state of Europe; nor can any Briton forbear to express an immediate and particular pleasure to observe his country rising again into its former dignity, to see his nation shake off dependence, and rouse from inactivity, cover the ocean with her fleets, and awe the continent with her armies; bid, once more, defiance to the rapacious invaders of neighbouring kingdoms, and the daring projector of universal dominion.

LORD TWEEDDALE

(House of Lords, Nov. 16, 1742)

CMLXXVII

I remember that Adam Smith and Gibbon had told us that the dark ages were gone, never more to return . . . and they asked whence were to come the Huns and the Vandals, who should destroy civilization? It had not occurred to them that civilization itself might engender the barbarians who should destroy it.

MACAULAY (1852)

CMLXXVIII

No cause they [England and America] espouse can fail; no cause they oppose can triumph. The future is, in large part, theirs. They have the making of history in the times that are to come.

LORD RUSSELL OF KILLOWEN (1896)

CMLXXIX

Mother of freedom, home and hope and love
Our little island, far, how far away,
I saw thee shatter the whole world of hate.

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I saw the sunrise on thy helmet flame
With new-born hope for all the world in thee!
Come now, to sea, to sea!

ALFRED NOYES

Drake

CMLXXX

. . . neque enim lex aequior ulla est,
quam necis artifices arte perire sua.

OVID

. . . nought fairer than to trice
The death-deviser in his own device.

(Trans. B. P. MOORE)

CMLXXXI

They, whom once the desert-beach
Pent within its bleak domain,
Soon their ample sway shall stretch
O'er the plenty of the plain.

GRAY

CMLXXXII

. . . th' all-judging pow'rs have thus ordained,
Thou, whose ambition o'er the groaning earth
Leads desolation; o'er the nations spreads
Calamity and tears; thou first shall mourn,
And through thy house destruction first shall range.

RICHARD GLOVER (1712-1785)

Leonidas, ix

CMLXXXIII

And now let me gratulate you upon the renovated vigour
of your fine old friends the Russians. By the Lord, sir! it is
most famous this campaign of theirs.

SIR WALTER SCOTT

(To George Ellis, 1813)

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CMLXXXIV

Res plus valet quam verba

SALLUST

Facts speak louder than words.

CMLXXXV

The more democratic republics become, the more the masses grow conscious of their own power, the more do they need to live, not only by patriotism, but by reverence and self-control, and the more essential to their well-being are those sources whence reverence and self-control flow.

BRYCE

The American Commonwealth

CMLXXXVI

The power of Armies is a visible thing,
Formal and circumscribed in time and space;
But who the limits of that power shall trace
Which a brave People into light can bring
Or hide, at will—for freedom combating
By just revenge inflamed?

WORDSWORTH

CMLXXXVII

The ocean which environs us is an emblem of our government, and the pilot and the Minister are in similar circumstances. It seldom happens that either of them can steer a direct course, and they both arrive at their port by means which frequently seem to carry them from it. But as the work advances the conduct of him who leads it on with real abilities clears up, the appearing inconsistencies are reconciled, and when it is once consummated the whole shows itself so uniform, so plain, and so natural, that every dabbler in politics will be apt to think he could have done the same.

BOLINGBROKE (1717)

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CMLXXXVIII

Nunc pelagi nymphae, classis tua perfidus ut nos
Praecipites ferro Rutulus flammaque premebat
Rupimus invitae tua vincula, teque per aequor
Quaerimus. Hanc genetrix faciem miserata refecit,
Et dedit esse deas aevumque agitare sub undis. .

VIRGIL

Aen. X

Sea-nymphs are we, thy navy! Pressed and driven
By the perfidious foe with fire and sword,
We burst perforce our moorings. Thee we follow,
By a maternal mercy now transformed
To live immortally beneath the wave.

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*Beveridge report published—Axis retreat from El Agheila—
Admiral Darlan assassinated.*

CMLXXXIX

The day of trial to Russia has been severe . . . and her deportment under it will raise her high in the estimation of mankind. . . . Not only her armies, but her peasantry, armed and sent into the field as if by enchantment, have fought with the most invincible courage, though not always with favourable fortune. The chances of war have been sometimes with and sometimes against them, but they have arrested the career of the conqueror of the age, and drawn him on to ruin, even when they have yielded him the victory.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS (1812)

CMXC

The public good ought to be the object of the legislator: general utility ought to be the foundation of his reasonings. To know the true good of the community is what constitutes the science of legislation: the art consists in finding the means to realize that good.

BENTHAM

CMXCI

“Already the state of Latium was such that it could neither suffer peace nor war.” Of all unhappy states the most unhappy is that of a prince or a republic so reduced as to be unable to receive peace or continue war; and to this are reduced those who are too much offended by the terms of peace; while on the other hand, wishing to make war,

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they must either put themselves at the mercy of someone who can help them, or remain at the mercy of the foe. And one gets to any such conditions as these by bad counsel, and by bad decisions; through not having measured well one's own strength, as I said above.

MACHIAVELLI

CMXCII

No country can be less homogeneous than a nation which includes within its territories the Oriental despotism of British India and States as democratic as Queensland; but that which is our weakness is also in a sense our strength, as making Greater Britain, if she learns her task, the most intelligent as well as the most cosmopolitan of States.

SIR CHARLES DILKE (1890)

CMXCIII

A disposition to preserve, and an ability to improve, taken together, would be my standard of a statesman. Everything else is vulgar in the conception, perilous in the execution.

EDMUND BURKE

CMXCIV

Never was there a more important period than the present. Indeed it is most probable that everything is already decided, and a very short time will show us whether this fortunate Ruffian is any longer to disturb all the nations of the earth. For my part I cherish the most sanguine hopes that he can never escape out of Russia.

JOHN MACARTHUR

Founder of the Australian wool trade, to his wife in Australia, November 18, 1812.

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Thou would'st have thought, so furious was their fire,
No force could tame them, and no toil could tire;
As if new vigour from new fights they won,
And the long battle was but then begun.

POPE
Iliad XV

CMXCVI

Bright and blest the morning that shall rise on such a
night; for men, delayed no more by stumbling-blocks of
their own making, which are but specks of dust upon the
path between them and eternity, would then apply them-
selves, like creatures of one common origin, owing one duty
to the Father of one family, and tending to one common
end to make the world a better place!

DICKENS
Dombey and Son

CMXCVII

ὕμᾱς δὲ χρὴ νῦν, καὶ τὸν ἐλλείποντ' ἔτι
ῥῆθρος ἀκμαίας καὶ τὸν ἐξηβον χρόνῳ,
βλαστημὸν ἀλδαίνοντα σώματος πολύν,
ὥραν τ' ἐχονθ' ἕκαστον ὥστε συμπρεπές,
πόλει τ' ἀρήγειν . . .

AESCHYLUS
Seven against Thebes

Now is your duty, whether in youth yet short
Of youth's perfection, whether of riper years
With bodily powers increasing, full and strong,
Or whether in manhood's prime, each as befits—
To help the State . . .

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CMXCVIII

Injustice pays itself with frightful compound-interest.

CARLYLE (1840)

CMXCIX

. . . mollissima corda
humano generi dare se Natura fatetur
quae lacrimas dedit: haec nostri pars optima sensus.

JUVENAL

. . . the tenderest heart
Nature acknowledges she gave to Man,
By giving him pity—the best sense that we have.

M

Though beaten back in many a fray,
Yet freshening strength we borrow,
For where the vanguard comes to-day
The rear will halt to-morrow.

GERALD MASSEY

MI

And the tales of a Thousand and One Nights
Touch lips with *The Times* of to-day.

A. T. QUILLER-COUCH

MII

Whoever gives clear, undoubted proof that he is prepared and sternly resolved to make the earth a slaughter-house, and to crush every will adverse to his own ought to be caged like a wild beast; and to require mankind to proceed against him according to written laws and precedents, as if he were a private citizen in a quiet court of justice, is just as rational as to require a man, in imminent peril from an assassin, to

wait and prosecute his murderer according to the most protracted forms of law. There are great exigencies in human affairs, which speak for themselves and need no precedent to teach the right path.

W. E. CHANNING (1827)

MIII

In his final survey of all that he had done, the Roman Emperor wrote: "I pacified Gaul and Spain and Germany, from Cadiz to the mouth of the Elbe. I established peace in the Alps from the Adriatic to the Tuscan sea, without wrongful aggressions on any nation. My fleet navigated the ocean—and the Cimbri, the Semnones, and other German races sought the friendship of me and of the Roman people." Of all his would-be successors neither Gregory VII, nor Philip II, nor Louis XIV, nor Napoleon I, nor the Tsar Nicholas remembered the wise moderation which Augustus attempted to teach. They stretched their hands against the ark of European freedom, and we crossed them in the bold design.

GEORGE PEEL

The Enemies of England

MIV

The study of the history of Europe during the past centuries teaches us one uniform lesson: That the nations which have received and in any way dealt fairly and mercifully with the Jew have prospered; and that the nations that have tortured and oppressed him have written out their own curse.

OLIVE SCHREINER

MV

We do very much want paper and canvas for cartridges, also old junk for wads, without which our powder will do us little good.

ADMIRAL BLAKE (1653)

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MVI

We have not sought an easy or a peaceful life; our people is busy throughout the world; it finds its failures as well as its successes; often it sees a truth and sometimes it believes a falsehood; but in all this rocking universe our British Kingdom, our British Empire of self-governing Dominions, stands stable, trustworthy and confident; it minds its own business, and its business is the business of all this globe.

STANLEY LEATHES

The People on its Trial

MVII

On every occasion a man should ask himself: "Is this one of the unnecessary things?" Now a man should take away not only unnecessary acts, but also unnecessary thoughts, for thus superfluous acts will not follow after.

MARCUS AURELIUS

Meditations, IV. 24

MVIII

καὶ ὀλίγοι ἀπὸ πολλῶν πορευόμενοι διὰ τῆς Λιβύης ἐς Κυρήνην ἐσώθησαν, οἱ δὲ πλεῖστοι ἀπώλοντο.

THUCYDIDES, 1. 110

A few out of many made their way through Libya to Cyrene and saved their lives; but most of them perished.

MIX

Christ commanded his first followers to heal the sick and give alms, but he commands the Christians of this age, if we may use the expression, to investigate the causes of all physical evil, to master the science of health, to consider the

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question of education with a view to health, the question of labour with a view to health, the question of trade with a view to health; and while all these investigations are made, with free expense of energy and time and means, to work out the rearrangement of human life in accordance with the results they give.

J. R. SEELEY

Ecce Homo (ch. xvii)

MX

To the educated and the thoughtful it was another evidence of that dumb and sullen capacity for infinite self-sacrifice which makes Russians different from any other race, and which has yet to be reckoned with in the history of the world. For it will tend to the greatest good of the greatest number, and is a power for national aggrandisement quite unattainable by any Latin people.

HENRY SETON MERRIMAN

MXI

If to record the successes of the [enemy] upon the Continent have proved a task equally irksome and disagreeable it has been far otherwise when the exploits of the British Navy, within the present year, have passed us in review. By them, the proud threatenings of our bitterest and most powerful enemy have been proved as vain as impotent.

Annual Register, 1805

MXII

Justly do we call barbarians the wretched nations that are governed by one man; and among them the most deeply plunged in barbarianism is the ruler.

LANDOR

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MXIII

Über Russlands Leichenwüstenei
Faltet hoch die Nacht die blassen Hände,
Glänzt der dunkelrot gekrümmte Mond,
Eine blutige Sichel-Gottes.

RICHARD DEHMEL
Anno Domini 1812

Over Russia's desert of dead bodies
Night folds her pallid hands on high;
The crookèd moon a dusky-red is shining,
God's bloody sickle in the sky.

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Casablanca Conference—Siege of Leningrad raised—Tripoli entered and Tunisian border crossed.

MXIV

New Year, be good to England. Bid her name
Shine sunlike as of old on all the sea.

SWINBURNE

MXV

There is no one instance of a long contest, in which men did not triumph over Systems. If Tyranny misses her first spring, she is cowardly as the Tiger, and retires to be hunted.

BYRON

Ravenna Journal

MXVI

But can it be possible that crimes of a character so sanguinary can ever succeed? Are they set in too flagrant opposition to the more profound mysteries of human events, to the undefined, yet inviolable and ever active principles that govern the order of nature? Men may blind themselves for a time, but they cannot disturb the moral laws on which their existence reposes; these rule with a necessity as inevitable as that which regulates the course of the stars.

LEOPOLD VON RANKE

MXVII

When men are once checked in what they consider their special excellence, their whole opinion of themselves suffers more than if they had not at first believed in their superiority. . . . Let us engage in anger convinced that nothing is more legitimate than to claim to sate the whole wrath of one's soul in punishing the aggressor.

THUCYDIDES, vii

(Trans. R. CRAWLEY)

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MXVIII

Many Townes and Villages he [Prince Rupert] plundered, which is to say robb'd, for at that time first was the word plunder used in England, being born in Germany.

THOMAS MAY

History of the Parliament which began in 1640

MXIX

τὸν δὲ πρότερον ἔόντα ὑμέων δεσπότην ἡμεῖς παραστησόμεθα οὕτω ὥστε ἐπὶ μηδαμὸς ἔτι ἀνθρώπους αὐτὸν στρατεύσασθαι.

HERODOTUS, IV. 136

What the Scythians said

As for him that was once your master, we will leave him in such plight that never again will he lead his army against any nation.

(Trans. A. D. GODLEY)

MXX

In the fulness of time a great war will surely arise and a combination be made to humiliate England and despoil her of her vast riches and powers. Meanwhile if her statesmen have any forecast and address they will so conduct affairs that the inheritors of her blood, her laws, her religion, and her liberties will be her powerful allies and her national friends.

EDWARDS PIERREPONT

United States Minister to Great Britain, to Sir H. Ponsonby, January 30, 1877.

MXXI

The Christian nationality differed widely from that of antiquity, which consisted in declaring everything foreign to

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be hostile: *hospes hostis*. In the economy of the modern world, on the contrary, each nationality is but a function assigned by Providence to a given people, for which end it is developed, made strong, and endowed with glory, but which it can only accomplish in harmony with other races.

FRÉDÉRIC OZANAM

MXXII

Ah! neighbour, neighbour, if you did but know the pleasure of holding plough after a good team of horses, and then going tired to bed, perhaps you'd wish to have been brought up a farmer too.

T. DAY

Sandford and Merton

MXXIII

It is a very curious fact that, throughout a great part of the world, England has a bad name for perfidy, and for grasping ambition; while, in truth, it is probably the only great nation that ever was free from ambition; and is pre-eminent for good faith. Territorial aggrandizement has often been avoided by us, when there would have been a plausible plea for it; and so far from being (as by most States) welcomed with exultation, even when unjust, is regarded by the English public as needing apology, even when it is in a manner forced upon us by circumstances.

ARCHBISHOP WHATELY

MXXIV

The royal navy of England hath ever been its greatest defence and ornament; it is its antient and natural strength; the floating bulwark of the island.

BLACKSTONE

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MXXV

An excitable, vindictive and treacherous race.

DR. GEORGE SMITH, Bishop of Victoria (Hong Kong)
Ten Weeks in Japan, 1861

MXXVI

Und wenn einst am Rhein der letzte
Spross germanischen Geblütes
Heimgegangen zu den Vätern:
Wandeln Andre dort und schwärmen.

Kennt die Männer Ihr?—sie haben
Etwas plattgedrückte Nasen,
Ihre Ahnherrn trinken jetzo
Fern am Aral und am Irtisch
Zukunftssicher ihren Brantwein.

J. V. VON SCHEFFEL

And when once on Rhine the latest
Burgeon of Germanic blossom
Finds its home beside its fathers,
There shall others roam transported.

Do ye know the men? In feature
They have rather flattened noses,
And their forbears at this moment,
Far by Aral and by Irtish,
Confidently quaff their vodka.

MXXVII

The emperor [Majorian] had foreseen that it was impossible, without a maritime power, to achieve the conquest of Africa.

GIBBON

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MXXVIII

They say that "war is hell," the "great accursed,"
The sin impossible to be forgiven—
Yet I can look beyond it at its worst,
And still find blue in heaven.

ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER (1899)

MXXIX

England hath had experience of the blessing of God in prosecuting just and righteous causes, whatever the cost and hazard be. And if ever men were engaged in a righteous cause in the world, this will scarce be a second to it. We are come to ask an account of the innocent blood which hath been shed; and to endeavour to bring to an account (by the blessing and the presence of the Almighty, in whom alone is our hope and strength) all who, by appearing in arms, seek to justify the same.

CROMWELL

MXXX

Dixitque tandem perfidus Hannibal:
Cervi luporum praeda rapacium
Sectamur ultro quos opimus
Fallere et effugere est triumphus.

HORACE
Od. iv. 4.

Out spoke at last false Hannibal:
Like deer on whom the wild wolves fall
We keep the chase up—feint and flight
Our richest gain, our triumph's height.

MXXXI

The food produced by a field of potatoes is not inferior in quantity to that produced by a field of rice, and much superior

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to what is produced by a field of wheat. . . . The strongest men and the most beautiful women are generally fed with this root. No food can afford a more decisive proof of its nourishing quality, or of its being peculiarly suitable to the health of the human constitution.

ADAM SMITH
Wealth of Nations

MXXXII

There was a time when it delighted me to flash my satire on the English Sunday; I could see nothing but antiquated foolishness and modern hypocrisy in this weekly pause from labour and from bustle. Now I prize it as an inestimable boon, and dread every encroachment upon its restful stillness. Scoff as I might at "Sabbatarianism," was I not always glad when Sunday came? . . . I find it associated with a sense of repose, of liberty. This day of the seven I granted to my better genius; work was put aside, and, when Heaven permitted, trouble forgotten.

GEORGE GISSING

MXXXIII

He that will learn to pray, let him go to sea.

GEORGE HERBERT
Jacula Prudentum

MXXXIV

Ut ille versus usquequaque pertinet:
"Gener socerque perdidistis omnia."

VIRGIL
Catalepton 6

How that verse [of Catullus] everywhere applies:—"Son-in-law and father-in-law, you have ruined all."

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MXXXV

And we pray for this nation also that the lesson of a great man's death may not be lost upon us: but that in our public acts, as well as in our private lives, we may gather from him courage and firmness and wisdom and self-sacrifice and strength in all the trials which the English people may have to undergo in generations to come.

BENJAMIN JOWETT

On General Gordon, *ob.* January 26, 1885

MXXXVI

No terms except an unconditional and immediate surrender can be accepted. I propose to move immediately upon your works.

GENERAL ULYSSES S. GRANT

(February 16, 1862)

MXXXVII

Our intention is to sail hence with the first opportunity to the Bay of Tunis, to put an end to the business there, which we shall endeavour to do with all the resolution and circumspection we can, as God shall direct us, it being a business of manifold concerns and interests, and subject to divers consequents and constructions.

ADMIRAL BLAKE (1654)

MXXXVIII

Armorum sonitum toto Germania caelo
Audiit.

VIRGIL

Rumbling across the heavens' whole length all Germany
heard it—

That din of arms!

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MXXXIX

Who sows the serpent's teeth, let him not hope
To reap a joyous harvest. Every crime
Has, in the moment of its perpetration,
Its own avenging angel—dark misgiving,
An ominous sinking at the inmost heart.

S. T. COLERIDGE

The Piccolomini

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*Germans capitulate at Stalingrad—Mr. Churchill in Tripoli—
Kharkov captured.*

MXL

And reassembling our afflicted powers,
Consult how we may henceforth most offend
Our Enemy, our own loss how repair,
How overcome this dire calamity,
What reinforcement we may gain from hope,
If not, what resolution from despair.

Thus Satan, talking to his nearest mate . . .

MILTON

Paradise Lost

MXLI

σκοπέειν δὲ χρὴ παντὸς χρήματος τὴν τελευτὴν καὶ ἀποβήσεται· πολλοῖσι γὰρ δὴ ὑποδέξας ὄλβον ὁ θεὸς, προορίζους ἀνέτρεψε.

HERODOTUS

We must look to the end of everything and see how it turns out; for to many men God shows a glimpse of happiness and afterwards destroys them utterly.

MXLII

The progress of liberty is like the progress of the stream; it may be kept within its banks; it is sure to fertilize the country through which it runs; but no power can arrest it in its passage; and short-sighted as well as wicked must be the heart of the projector that would strive to divert its course.

C. J. Fox

MXLIII

But Charles at that time was solely bent on dethroning the sovereign of Russia, as he had already dethroned the sovereign of Poland, and all Europe fully believed that he would entirely crush the Czar, and dictate conditions of peace in the Kremlin. Charles himself looked on success as a matter of certainty: and the romantic extravagance of his views was continually increasing. "One year, he thought, would suffice for the conquest of Russia. . . . No enterprise at that time appeared impossible to him. He had even dispatched several officers privately into Asia and Egypt, to take plans of the towns, and examine into the strength and resources of those countries."

CREASY

On Pultowa (quoting Crichton's *Scandinavia*)

MXLIV

Ich selber erblickte vor Zeiten den Tag
da unser Lob war gemein allen Zungen!
Wo uns ein Land in der Nähe nur lag,
da bat es um Sühne, sonst war es bezwungen.
Wie haben wir damals nach Ehre gerungen!
Da rieten die Alten und taten die Jungen;
jetzt, da die Richter bestechlich sind,
(die Lösung fehlt, das Rätsel ist blind)
was soll es da geben? sprich, Meister, geschwind.

WALTHER VON DER VOGELWEIDE (mod. version)

Myself remember the day with pride
When ever louder our praises swelled,
When neighbour countries on every side
Begged us for grace, or were straight compelled.
How dear in those days our honour we held!

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The old wise in council, the young in the field.
To-day, to judges corrupt assigned,
(The answer is missing, the riddle is blind).
O Master, in future what fate shall we find?

PROF. E. N. DA C: ANDRADE, F.R.S.

MXLV

It seems to me almost certain that if this opportunity goes by unused, it can never, never, come again. Wait till six months after the war is over, and the new start, possible now, will be unattainable. At present all is tense and keen; the spirit of sacrifice, the spirit of readiness to offer ourselves and what we love, is "in the air."

ARCHBISHOP DAVIDSON (1916)

MXLVI

To souls like these, in mutual friendship joined,
Heaven dares intrust the cause of human kind.

ADDISON

The Campaign

MXLVII

I think it is safe to say that things can never be quite the same again. Never can one realize how powerless and ignorant one is, and how one is upheld by an unseen hand, until for an instant that hand has seemed to close and to crush. Death has been imminent upon us. We know that at any moment it may be again. That grim presence shadows our lives, but who can deny that in that shadow the sense of duty, the feeling of sobriety and responsibility, the appreciation of the gravity and of the objects of life, the earnest desire to develop and improve have grown and become real with us to a degree that has leavened our whole society from end to end?

A. CONAN DOYLE

The Poison Belt

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MXLVIII

When I compare German society with the wolf pack, and the feelings, desires and impulses of the individual German with those of the wolf or dog, I am not intending to use a vague analogy, but to call attention to a real and gross identity. . . . We see Germany compelled to submit to disadvantages, consequent upon her social type. Thus she is unable to make or keep friends among nations of socialized type: her instinctive valuation of fear as a compelling influence has allowed her to indulge the threatening and war-like gestures which have alienated all the strong nations and intimidated only the weak. . . . She has been forced to conduct the war on a plan of ceaseless and frightfully costly aggression, because her morale could have survived no other method. . . . She must continue aggressive efforts, and must go on galvanizing her weary nerves until they fail to respond.

WILFRED TROTTER

Instincts of the Herd in Peace and War (1916)

MXLIX

The blaze of truth and liberty may at first dazzle and bewilder nations which have become half blind in the house of bondage. But let them gaze on, and they will soon be able to bear it.

MACAULAY

ML

Your heart must have glowed when you heard of that heroic and sublime battle-cry—*England expects every man to do his duty*. What then must have been its power on those who heard it, with the enemy full in sight? The spirit that gave it could not but conquer; well might he feel that in giving it he had done the utmost he could do; and the shout that replied to it from the whole fleet was an instantaneous assurance of victory.

J. C. HARE

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MLI

"Twice in history has there been witnessed the struggle of the highest individual genius against the resources and institutions of a great nation, and in both cases the nation has been victorious. For 17 years Hannibal strove against Rome; for 16 years Napoleon Buonaparte strove against England. The efforts of the first ended in Zama, those of the second in Waterloo."

This is the opening of the noblest historical narrative in our language, Arnold's narrative of the Hannibalian War. I may perhaps be doing a good service by reminding the present generation that such a narrative exists.

E. A. FREEMAN

Comparative Politics

MLII

It was the memorable declaration by the American colonists in 1776 that opened the page of the modern democratic evangel—how among self-evident truths are these: That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that, to secure these rights, governments are formed among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. None of this was new in thought. As American historians point out, Jefferson was here using the old vernacular of English thought and aspiration—a vernacular high in noble phrase and stately tradition, to be found in a hundred champions of a hundred camps, in Buchanan, Milton, Hooker, Locke, Jeremy Taylor, Roger Williams, and many another humbler but no less strenuous pioneer and confessor of freedom. Those were the tributary fountains that, as time went on, swelled into the broad confluence of our modern age.

MORLEY

Oracles of Man and Government

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MLIII

But let us not neglect, on our part, such means as are in our power, to keep the cause of truth, of reason, of virtue, and of liberty, alive. If the blessing be withheld from us, let us deserve at least that it should be granted to us. If heaven in mercy bestows it on us, let us prepare to receive it, to improve it, and to co-operate with it.

BOLINGBROKE

MLIV

If ever there were a time when the formation of just public principles becomes a duty of private morality; when the principles of morality in general ought to be made to bear upon our public suffrages and to effect every great national determination; when, in short, his country should have a place by every Englishman's fireside—that time is now with us.

COLERIDGE

MLV

Napoleon was defeated by the tragic destiny which no great man completely escapes. The abundance of his triumphs brought them to failure; the increase of his enemies did the rest. It is remarkable that of Napoleon's achievements much less of that by which he became great has come down to posterity than of that through which he came to ruin.

FIELD-MARSHAL COUNT VON SCHLIEFFEN

In a letter to General von Freytag-Loringhoven, September, 1909.

Napoleon came to ruin, as Count Schlieffen emphasizes, above all because his once infallible penetration had suffered under the force of habit, so that he saw things as he wished

to see them, and dreamed of brilliant victories without having in fact won them, so that at last his bodily and spiritual energy was more and more relaxed.

GENERAL VON FREYTAG-LORINGHOVEN's comment

MLVI

Nations are not truly great solely because the individuals composing them are numerous, free, and active; but they are great when these numbers, this freedom, and this activity are employed in the service of an ideal somewhat higher than that of an ordinary man taken by himself. Not only the greatness of nations, but their very unity, depends on this. In fact, unless their action is inspired by an ideal commanding the respect of the many as higher than each ordinary man's own, there is nothing to keep the nation together, nothing to resist the dissolvent action of innumerable and conflicting wills and opinions. *Quot homines, tot sententiae*, and one man's opinion is as good as another's—there is no basis for a real unity there.

MATTHEW ARNOLD

Education and the State

MLVII

But the experience of the world, from China to Britain, has exposed the vain attempt of fortifying any extensive tract of country. An active enemy, who can select and vary his points of attack, must in the end discover some feeble spot, or some unguarded moment. The strength, as well as the attention, of the defenders is divided; and such are the blind effects of terror on the firmest troops, that a line broken in a single place is almost instantly deserted.

EDWARD GIBBON

MLVIII

Die Würfel grosser Entscheidungen sind geworfen, aber sie werden nicht fallen, wie die Verrucktheit hoffet. Europa wird nicht untergehen, Russland wird nicht getreten werden. Bonaparte wird kein zweites völkerverschlingendes Rom gründen; er wird mit seinen Verbrechen und Greueln vergehen. So klingt die Weissagung Gottes und der Geschichte, so klingt die Weissagung der Tapferen und Guten.

ERNST MORITZ ARNDT

Die Glocke der Stunde (1812)

The die of great decisions is cast, but it is not cast the way wickedness might have hoped. Europe will not perish, nor will Russia be trampled down. Bonaparte will not found a second Rome to devour the nations; he will pass away with his crimes and atrocities. Such is the prophecy of God and of history, such is the prophecy of the brave and good.

MLIX

These [Elizabethan] statutes, it is hoped, however, stand upon such wise and humane principles, that they will not easily nor hastily be repealed. The principles are, that every one capable of working shall be employed; and that he who is incapable shall be relieved and supported by the parish. It should seem therefore that a day-labourer, who hath been industrious whilst his health and strength permitted, hath as much right, when weakened by old age or sickness, to a certain support, as the worn-out soldier has to his Chelsea, or seaman to his Greenwich. . . . As for that support that may arise from voluntary contributions, it is but a most precarious maintenance.

DAINES BARRINGTON

Observations on the Statutes (1766)

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MLX

From the time of Xerxes downwards, we have seen generals playing the braggadocio at the outset of their campaigns, and conquering the enemy with the greatest ease in after-dinner speeches. But events are apt to be in disgusting discrepancy with the anticipations of the most ingenious tacticians; the difficulties of the expedition are ridiculously at variance with able calculations; the enemy has the impudence not to fall into confusion as had been reasonably expected of him.

GEORGE ELIOT

Janet's Repentance

MLXI

We give express charge that, in our marches through the country, there be nothing compelled from the villages, nothing taken but paid for, none of the French upbraided or abused in disdainful language; for when lenity and cruelty play for a kingdom, the gentler gamester is the soonest winner.

SHAKESPEARE

King Henry V, iii. 6

MLXII

Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey,
Where wealth accumulates and men decay;
Princes and lords may flourish, or may fade:
A breath can make them, as a breath has made;
But a bold peasantry, their country's pride,
When once destroyed, can never be supplied.

GOLDSMITH

MLXIII

For the right moment you must wait, as Fabius did most patiently, when warring against Hannibal, though many censured his delays; but when the time comes you must strike hard, as Fabius did, or your waiting will be in vain and fruitless.

FRANK PODMORE

Title-page of Fabian Society's first tract

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*Russians take Vyasma—Eighth Army attack Mareth line—
Kharkov evacuated—Gabs and El Hamma captured.*

MLXIV

For agony and spoil
Of nations beat to dust,
For poisoned air and tortured soil
And cold, commanded lust,
And every secret woe
The shuddering waters saw—
Willed and fulfilled by high and low—
Let them relearn the Law.

RUDYARD KIPLING

Justice (Oct. 1918)

MLXV

As a member of society a man parts with his natural rights, and society in turn incurs a debt to him which it is bound to discharge. Where the debt is adequately rendered, where on both sides there is a consciousness of obligation, where rulers and ruled alike understand that more is required of them than attention to their separate interests, and where they discern with clearness in what that "more" consists, there at once is good government, there is supremacy of law—law written in the statute-book, and law written in the statute-book of Heaven; and there, and only there, is freedom.

Das Gesetz soll nur uns Freiheit geben.

As in personal morality liberty is self-restraint, and self-indulgence is slavery, so political freedom is possible only

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where justice is in the seat of authority, where all orders and degrees work in harmony with the organic laws which man neither made nor can alter—where the unwise are directed by the wise, and those who are trusted with power use it for the common good.

J. A. FROUDE

MLXVI

Ye nymphs that reign o'er sewers and sinks,
The River Rhine, it is well known,
Doth wash your city of Cologne;
But tell me, nymphs, what power Divine
Shall henceforth wash the River Rhine?

S. T. COLERIDGE

MLXVII

The situation of England greatly improved and gave promise of freeing her arms. Her defensive system, as of old, was showing itself to be impregnable, and the fear of invasion was giving way to a fierce desire to be revenged on the man who had put her to so much alarm and expense.

JULIAN CORBETT

The Campaign of Trafalgar

MLXVIII

αἰαῖ, κακῶν δὴ πέλαγος ἔρρωγεν μέγα
Πέρσαις τε καὶ πρόπαντι βαρβάρων γένει.

AESCHYLUS

The Persians

Queen Atossa :—

Alas, a mighty sea of trouble has broken
On us and on the whole barbarian race.

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MLXIX

Nulla enim unquam tam exigua manus tantas opes prostravit.

CORNELIUS NEPOS

Life of Miltiades

For never did so small a force lay low so great a power.

MLXX

Statesmen, yet friend to Truth! of soul sincere,
In action faithful, and in honour clear;
Who broke no promise, serv'd no private end,
Who gain'd no title, and who lost no friend.

ALEXANDER POPE

MLXXI

Ἦν δὲ ἐλευθεροῦντες φαίνεσθε, τὸ κράτος τοῦ πολέμου
βεβαιότερον ἔξετε.

THUCYDIDES, iii. 13

If you openly play the part of liberators, the more certain
will be your victory in war.

MLXXII

The speaker of the house of commons is chosen by the house; but must be approved by the king. And herein the usage of the two houses differs, that the speaker of the house of commons cannot give his opinion or argue any question in the house; but the speaker of the house of lords, if a lord of parliament, may. In each house the act of the majority binds the whole; and this majority is declared by votes openly and publicly given: not as at Venice, and many other senatorial assemblies, privately or by ballot. This latter method may be serviceable, to prevent intrigues and

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unconstitutional combinations; but is impossible to be practised with us; at least in the house of commons, where every member's conduct is subject to the future censure of his constituents, and therefore should be openly submitted to their inspection.

BLACKSTONE

MLXXIII

once tame and mild
As grazing ox unworried in the meads;
Now tiger-passion'd, lion-thoughted, wroth,
He meditated, plotted, and even now
Was hurling mountains in that second war.

KEATS

Hyperion

MLXXIV

My lads, ye see these loons on yon hill there; weel, if ye
dinna kill them, they'll kill you.

SIR ANDREW AGNEW

At the battle of Dettingen

MLXXV

No man is an island entire of itself. Every man is a piece
of the continent, a part of the main: and if a clod be washed
away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory
were, as well as if a manor of thy friends or of thine own were.

JOHN DONNE

MLXXVI

The morning was come of a mighty day—a day of crisis
and of ultimate hope for human nature, then suffering
mysterious eclipse, and labouring in some dread extremity.
. . . A battle, a strife, an agony, was travelling through all

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its stages—was evolving itself, like the catastrophe of some mighty drama. . . . Some greater interest was at stake, some mightier cause, than ever yet the sword had pleaded, or the trumpet proclaimed.

DE QUINCEY

MLXXVII

The love of country glowing in the mind
Adorns the story of the Russian hind;
Without one murmur to the flames he yields
His home and all the produce of his fields.

With vassal nations mingled in his train,
Slaves from the Tiber, bondsmen from the Main,
Who, dragged to fight in quarrels not their own,
Extend that thralldom under which they groan.

WILLIAM THOMAS FITZGERALD (1812)

MLXXVIII

Why is there not an Order of Britannia for British seamen?
In the Merchant and the Royal Navy alike, occur almost
daily instances and occasions for the display of science, skill,
bravery, fortitude in trying circumstances, resource in danger.

THACKERAY

Roundabout Papers

MLXXIX

Haec si prima Africa temptaret auferre, a ceteris terris
imitatione digna esse deberet.

AUGUSTINE

If Africa were the first to attempt the removal of these
abuses, she would be worthy of imitation by all other
countries.

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MLXXX

Moses in Midian perceived a mighty truth . . . a truth so holy and vast that even yet mankind seem scarcely able to apprehend it—the truth that all Ideas are the common heritage of all men, and that none is too precious to be communicated to every human mind.

HARRIET MARTINEAU
Eastern Life

MLXXXI

Who counsels peace at this momentous hour,
When God hath given deliverance to the oppress'd,
And to the injured power?
Who counsels peace, when Vengeance like a flood
Rolls on, no longer now to be repress'd;
When innocent blood
From the four corners of the world cries out
For justice upon one accursed head;
When Freedom hath her holy banners spread
Over all nations, now in one just cause
United; when with one sublime accord
Europe throws off the yoke abhorr'd,
And Loyalty and Faith and Ancient Laws
Follow the avenging sword!

ROBERT SOUTHEY
(ob. March 21, 1843)

MLXXXII

A man that fortune's buffets and rewards
Hath ta'en with equal thanks; and blessed are those
Whose blood and judgment are so well commingled
That they are not a pipe for fortune's finger
To sound what stop she please.

SHAKESPEARE
Hamlet, III. 2

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MLXXXIII

Nam neque validiores opibus ullae inter se civitates gentesque contulerunt arma, neque his ipsis tantum unquam virium aut roboris fuit, et haud ignotas belli artes inter sese conferebant.

LIVY

Preface to Book xxi

No states or nations met in arms with more effective resources, and their own strength and power were never so great. Moreover, they were no strangers to one another's modes of fighting.

MLXXXIV

No pause—no rest—till weltering on the ground
The poisonous hydra lies, and pierc'd with many a wound.
Poetry of the ANTI-JACOBIN (1799)

MLXXXV

Until I talked with people in Copenhagen, it had never occurred to me to realize what an agonizing thing it is for a small but brave and self-respecting nation to hang over the brink of annihilation. The desire and demand of Prussia was that Denmark should enter the North German Confederation. This would have been to the national spirit, as a Dane put it to me, obloquy worse than death by torture.

EDMUND GOSSE

MLXXXVI

Hit first! Hit hard! Keep on hitting!! (the three H's).
The three requisites for success—Ruthless, Relentless, Remorseless (the three R's). The essence of war is violence. Moderation in war is imbecility.

ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET LORD FISHER

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MLXXXVII

He who sows the ground with care and diligence acquires a greater stock of religious merit than he can gain by the repetition of ten thousand prayers.

ZENDAVESTA

MLXXXVIII

Everything valuable to us as men and as a nation is at stake—our national prosperity, our national honour, our national existence—our liberties and lives. No exertion can be too great. The power of our enemy is so formidable, and his ambition so insatiable, that we have no alternative but to prosecute the war with the utmost vigour, till we lay him prostrate at our feet. No pressure of increasing burthens is to be regarded; no dread of exhausting our resources entertained. If he make repeated overtures of pacification they are to be considered as insidious, and rejected with scorn.

ROBERT HAMILTON

An Inquiry concerning the National Debt, 1814

MLXXXIX

Ἡ δ' ἀρετὴ, τὸ δ' ἄεθλον ἐν ἀνθρώποισιν ἄριστον
κάλλιστόν τε φέρειν γίνεται ἀνδρὶ σοφῷ,
ξυνὸν δ' ἐσθλὸν τοῦτο πόλῃ τε παντί τε δήμῳ,
ὅστις ἂν εὖ διαβᾷς ἐν προμάχοισι μένη.

THEOGNIS

This is virtue, this is a wise man's best and fairest prize to win among men, this is the state's and the whole people's common good: when a man stands planted firmly in the forefront of battle.

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MXC

Ages have fled—yet hath not passed away
The adventurous spirit of a former day:
Still high emprise and valorous deeds retain
O'er youthful breasts their undiminished reign;
And Science lends her aid, for wonders new
And worlds unknown are opening on her view.
To Lapland's snows, and Afric's skies of flame,
She bids her champions bear Britannia's name;
O'er her lost sons she rears no tablet high,
Nor weeps their fate—her Martyrs cannot die.

GEORGE KETTILBY RICKARDS

The African Desert—Newdigate prize poem, 1830

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Offensive opened in Northern Tunisia—Sfax and Sousse occupied—Longstop Hill cleared.

MXCI

Aetheris immensi partem si presseris unam,
Sentiat axis onus.

LUCAN

If any one part of vast heaven thou swayest,
The burdened axis with thy force will bend.

MARLOWE'S translation

MXCII

I have been accustomed from childhood to respect that country [England] as the one from which I have drawn most of the political conceptions that have guided me in my career. I esteem and respect England, which I regard as one of the principal forces in the world; I venerate her because I regard her as the rock on which liberty has found, and may perhaps still find, inviolable sanctuary.

CAVOUR (1859)

MXCIII

The worst atrocities are probably committed by those who are most afraid.

LORD D'ABERNON

Portraits and Appreciations

MXCIV

Judging from past experience, the British Government not unnaturally imagined that a nation in such a state of general

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insolvency would have been unable to maintain the contest for any considerable time. . . . They did not anticipate, what experience so soon and fearfully demonstrated, the energy and almost demoniac strength which a nation, possessing a numerous and warlike population, can in such desperate circumstances acquire, by throwing itself in desolating hordes upon the resources of its enemies, after its own have been destroyed. It was this withering grasp which the French Revolution first laid upon the property of its own people, and then upon that of its opponents, which constituted, from first to last, the real source of its success.

SIR A. ALISON

History of Europe, Ch. LXXVI

MXCV

I was ever of opinion, that the honest man who married and brought up a large family did more service than he who continued single, and only talked of population.

OLIVER GOLDSMITH

The Vicar of Wakefield

MXCVI

Yon tawny slip is Libya's sands ;
That silver thread the river Dnieper ;
And look, where clothed in brightest green
Is a sweet Isle, of isles the Queen ;
Ye fairies from all evil keep her !

WORDSWORTH

Peter Bell

MXCVII

. . . signo Felicitatis dato . . .

CAESAR

de Bello Africo 83

With " Good Luck ! " as the signal.

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MXCVIII

The individual culprit may sometimes
Unpunish'd to his after reckoning go:
Not thus collective man . . . for public crimes
Draw on their proper punishment below;
When nations go astray, from age to age
The effects remain, a fatal heritage.

SOUTHEY

Hopes of Man

MXCIX

Judge not the play before the play is done:
Her plot hath many changes; every day
Speaks a new scene; the last act crowns the play.

FRANCIS QUARLES

MC

The common problem, yours, mine, every one's,
Is—not to fancy what were fair in life
Provided it could be—but finding first
What may be, then find how to make it fair
Up to our means: a very different thing!
No abstract intellectual plan of life
Quite irrespective of life's plainest laws,
But one, a man, who is a man and nothing more,
May lead within a world which (by your leave)
Is Rome or London, not Fools' paradise.

ROBERT BROWNING

MCI

Ye mariners of England
That guard our native seas!
Whose flag has braved, a thousand years,
The battle and the breeze!

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Your glorious standard launch again
To match another foe:
And sweep through the deep,
While the stormy winds do blow;
While the battle rages loud and long
And the stormy winds do blow.

THOMAS CAMPBELL

MCII

Evil-doers are not to be allowed their way on the ground that they are unable to hurt our souls: the hurt may be in the cowardice or sloth that will not punish them.

T. W. ROLLESTON

The Teaching of Epictetus

MCIII

In Italy the appearance of a German Army was at no time regarded as an unmixed blessing.

H. A. L. FISHER

History of Europe

MCIV

ὁ δὲ Τύνης ἀπέχει μὲν τῆς Καρχηδόνης ὡς ἑκατὸν εἴκοσι σταδίους, ἔστι δὲ σύνοπτος σχεδὸν ἐξ ὅλης τῆς πόλεως, διαφέρει δ' ὀχυρότητι καὶ φυσικῇ καὶ χειροποιήτῳ.

POLYBIUS, xiv

Tunis lies about 120 stades from Carthage, and can be seen from nearly the whole town. Nature and art have made it a particularly strong place.

MCV

No tyrant, however evil, has yet lacked ready hands to execute his most abominable will. To read how eagerly men

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have rushed to serve the despot is the bitterest, the saddest matter of history; it is the saddest sight in our own day.

RICHARD JEFFERIES

The Dewy Morn (1884)

MCVI

There is no such advantage in war as gaining time. As the proverb saith, Gain time gain life; and I say, Gain time and save a kingdom.

SIR EDWARD CECIL, VISCOUNT WIMBLEDON (1628)

MCVII

God hath exceedingly blessed this Empire above all others, especially in this, that it hath been almost one hundred years the chief bulwark for the defence of truth, and retreat of the afflicted in Europe; so that now that we all show ourselves compassionate, and helpers of the afflicted Jews; and pray . . . that our receiving them again, and giving them all possible satisfaction, and restoring them to commerce in this realm, may be an example to other nations that have done them, and continue to do them, wrong; till which time (God putting their tears into his bottle) God will charge their suffering upon us, and will avenge them on their persecutors.

EDWARD NICHOLAS

An Apology for the honourable Nation of the Jews, and all the sons of Israel (1648)

MCVIII

οἶδα γὰρ ὅτι κακοὶ μὲν ἀποίχονται πολέμοιο,
ὃς δὲ κ' ἀριστεύῃσι μάχῃ ἐνι, τὸν δὲ μαλὰ χρεώ
ἐστάμεναι κρατερῶς, ἢ τ' ἐβλητ' ἢ τ' ἐβαλ' ἄλλον.

HOMER

Iliad x

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The base, I know, turn backs upon the fight,
But not the champion—he must stand upright,
Bear to be smitten as himself would smite.

MCIX

For thou emongst those Saints, whom thou doest see,
Shalt be a Saint, and thine owne nations frend
And Patrone: thou Saint *George* shalt called bee,
Saint *George* of mery England, the signe of victoree.

SPENSER

Faerie Queen, i. 10

MCX

There came a day when it became clear that if honest work and peaceful homes were to continue in England, the men of England must fight. So, for dear honour's sake and for the love they bore you, they went out: and some lie in foreign earth and some in deep waters: and if they have helped to keep homes for others, they have none themselves.

Is that so, indeed? or is not this rather the truth? God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He hath prepared for them a city.

M. R. JAMES

(Provost of King's), 1916

MCXI

Combinations of wickedness would overthrow the world by the advantage which licentious principles afford did not those, who have long practised perfidy, grow faithless to each other.

SAMUEL JOHNSON

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MCXII

Heaven is mightier than men and righteousness than crookedness. Sometimes men seem to overcome Heaven. But do not be deceived. There is no mistake that Heaven will make its power and justice prevail over men in its proper time.

KYUSO

(Japanese moral maxims)

MCXIII

It is one of the great advantages of the long practice of free institutions, that it diffuses through the community a knowledge of character and a soundness of judgment which save it from the enormous mistakes that are almost always made by enslaved nations when suddenly called upon to choose their rulers.

LECKY

History of England

MCXIV

At illi, quod nisi expertus vix credat, in summa feritate versutissimi, natumque mendacio genus.

VELLEIUS PATERCULUS

(1st cent. A.D.)

Now the Germans, to an extent scarcely credible to anyone without experience of them, combine with their complete savagery the utmost craftiness and are a race to lying born.

MCXV

He felt even, as happens usually to those who endure great hardships, that the exertion necessary to subdue them is in itself a kind of elevating triumph.

SCOTT

The Pirate

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*Fall of Tunis and Bizerta—Axis forces in Tunisia surrender—
Möhne and Elder dams breached—Mr. Churchill addresses
Congress.*

MCXVI

The safety of Europe, of the world itself, the happiness
and independence of the human race, depend upon the safety
and independence of England.

The DUKE OF ORLEANS
To the Bishop of Llandaff, 1807

MCXVII

How is it now with England?
She sees upon her mist-girt path
Dim drifting shapes of fear and wrath.
Hold high the heart! Bend low the knee!
She has been guided, and will be—
And all is well with England.

CONAN DOYLE

MCXVIII

Toutes les dictatures sont passagères, et il est impossible,
quelque grand et fort qu'on soit, de soumettre longtemps des
partis ou d'occuper longtemps des royaumes. C'est ce qui
devait tôt ou tard amener la chute de Cromwell (s'il eût vécu
plus longtemps) par les conspirations intérieures; et celle de
Napoléon par le soulèvement de l'Europe. Tel est le sort
des pouvoirs qui, nés de la liberté, ne se fondent plus sur elle.

MIGNET

Histoire de la Révolution Française

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MCXIX

Thus, from a combination of causes, the whole force and energy of the age was directed towards the sea. The wide excitement, and the greatness of the interests at stake, raised even common men above themselves; and people who in ordinary times would have been no more than mere seamen, or mere money-making merchants, appear before us with a largeness and greatness of heart and mind in which their duties to God and their country are alike clearly and broadly seen and felt to be paramount to every other.

J. A. FROUDE

England's Forgotten Worthies

MCXX

Take care that in every town the little roofs are built before the large ones, and that everybody who wants one has got one. And we must try to make everybody want one. That is to say, at some not very advanced period of life, men should desire to have a home, which they do not wish to quit any more, suited to their habits of life, and likely to be more and more suitable to them until their death. And men must desire to have these their dwelling-places built as strongly as possible, and furnished and decorated daintily and set in pleasant places, in bright light and good air, being able to choose for themselves that at least as well as swallows. And when the houses are grouped together in cities, men must have so much civic fellowship as to subject their architecture to a common law, and so much civic pride as to desire that the whole gathered group of human dwellings should be a lovely thing, not a frightful one, on the face of the earth.

RUSKIN

Lectures on Art, iv

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MCXXI

Let the Germans remember that Russia, however pitiable her present condition, is and remains a Great Power, and that the present Slav Giant, now blind and turning the mill at Gaza, may yet make the whole proud structure of German Imperialism topple down in ruin and confusion.

FIELD-MARSHAL SMUTS

(May 4, 1918)

MCXXII

A Barbarian speaks in terms of power. He dreams of the superman with the mailed fist. He may plaster his lust with sentimental morality of Carlyle's type. But ultimately his final good is conceived as one will imposing itself upon other wills. This is intellectual barbarism. The Periclean ideal is action weaving itself into a texture of persuasive beauty analogous to the delicate splendour of nature.

ALFRED NORTH WHITEHEAD

Adventures of Ideas

MCXXIII

Ἐλὼν οὖν οὕτω τὴν Καρχηδόνα Σκιπίων τῇ γερούσιζ ἐπέστειλε τάδε "Καρχηδὼν ἐάλω· τί οὖν κελεύετε;"

Dio's *Roman History*, xxi (in Zonaras)

Thus Scipio took Carthage; and he sent the senate the following message: "Carthage is taken. What are your orders now?"

MCXXIV

Thus, in one brief campaign, was Egypt entirely rescued from the arms of France. But even that great advantage was a trifle, when compared with the stimulus afforded to national confidence at home, by this timely reassertion of the character of the English army. At sea we had never feared

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an enemy; but the victories of Abercrombie destroyed a fatal prejudice which had of recent days gained ground,—that the military of Great Britain were unfit to cope with those of revolutionary France.

LOCKHART

History of Napoleon

MCXXV

We make so considerable a Figure in this present War, and England has such a share in it, that by our vigorous prosecution of it, we shall not only secure our Rights and Liberties, but we shall have the Credit, under the Care of our Wise, Great, and Just Monarch, to free the rest of Christendom from Slavery; which will gain our Nation such a Credit, Renown, and Reputation abroad, as will make England flourish (when we have compassed a Lasting and Solid Peace) more than ever it has done hitherto, and it will abundantly repay our present Charges with Interest.

EDWARD D'AUVERGNE

History of the Campaign in the Spanish Netherlands in 1694

MCXXVI

Hurrah! for the great triumph
That stretches many a mile.
Hurrah! for the war captives
That pass in endless file.

MACAULAY

Prophecy of Capys

MCXXVII

FELLOW CITIZENS. . . . Let every brave young fellow instantly join the *Army* or *Navy*; and those among us, who, from being married, or so occupied in business, cannot, let us join some Volunteer Corps, where we may learn the use

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of arms and yet attend our business; let us encourage recruiting in our neighbourhood, and loudly silence the tongues of those whom Ignorance or Defection (if any such there be) lead them to doubt of the attempt to invade, or inveigh against the measures taken to resist it.—By doing this, and feeling confidence in ourselves, we shall probably prevent the attempt, or, if favoured by a dark night, the enemy should reach our shores,—our Unanimity and Strength will paralyze his efforts, and render him an easy prey to our brave *Army*. Let *us*, in our families and neighbourhood, thus contribute to so desirable an event, and the *blood-stained banners of the vaunted Conquerors of Europe will soon be hung up in our Churches, the honourable Trophies of our brave Army*:—an Army ever Victorious when not doubled in numbers; and the only Army who can stand the charge of Bayonets.—What *Army* ever stood THEIRS!!!—*Let the welfare of our Country animate all—and “ come the World in Arms against us, and we’ll shock ’em! ”*

A SHOPKEEPER

From a broadsheet beginning “ Bonaparte threatens to invade us.” “ Printed for J. Ginger, 169, Piccadilly, price sixpence per Dozen for Distribution. W. Marchant, Printer, 3, Greville-street, Holborn.” (No date.)

MCXXVIII

The best reward for having wrought well already, is to have more to do: and he that has been faithful over a few things must find his account in being made ruler over many things. That is the true and heroical rest which is worthy of gentlemen, and sons of God.

CHARLES KINGSLEY
Westward Ho !

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MCXXIX

A power went forth, animated by the spirit of evil, to overturn every community of the civilized world. Before this dreadful assailant, empires and monarchies and republics bowed: some were crushed to the earth, and some bought their safety by compromise. In the midst of this widespread ruin, among tottering columns and falling edifices, one fabric alone stood erect and braved the storm; and not only provided for its own internal security, but sent forth, at every portal, assistance to its weaker neighbours.

CANNING (1818)

MCXXX

The distinguished valour and eminent services of my forces by sea and land, which at no period have been surpassed; the unprecedented exertions of the militia and fencibles, and the zeal and perseverance of the yeomanry and volunteer corps of cavalry and infantry, are entitled to my warmest acknowledgments; and I am persuaded that you will join with me in reflecting, with peculiar satisfaction, on the naval and military operations of the last campaign; and on the successful and glorious issue of the expedition to Egypt, which has been marked throughout by achievements, tending, in their consequences and by their example, to produce lasting advantages and honour to this country.

From the KING'S SPEECH, October 29, 1801

MCXXXI

ξυνώμοσαν γὰρ, ὄντες ἔχθιστοι τὸ πρὶν,
πῦρ καὶ θάλασσα . . .

AESCHYLUS
Agamemnon

They made a pact, sworn enemies before,
Fire and the waters . . .

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MCXXXII

KING HENRY. Do we all holy rites:
Let there be sung *Non nobis* and *Te Deum*.

SHAKESPEARE

MCXXXIII

We have also engine houses, where are prepared engines and instruments for all sorts of motions. There we imitate and practise to make swifter motions than any you have, either out of your musket, or any engine that you have; and to make them and multiply them more easily, and with small force, by wheels and other means: and to make them stronger, and more violent than yours are, exceeding your greatest cannons and basilisks. We represent also ordnance and instruments of war, and engines of all kinds: and likewise new mixtures and compositions of gun-powder, wild-fire burning in water and unquenchable. We imitate also flight of birds; we have some degree of flying in the air; we have ships and boats for going under water, and brooking of seas.

BACON

The New Atlantis

MCXXXIV

The advantage of time and place in all martial actions is half a victory, which being lost is irrecoverable.

DRAKE

MCXXXV

The men who march often admire and extol the courage of the men who fly, and they are right; but the men who fly, unless they are very thoughtless, know that the heaviest burden of war, its squalor and its tediousness, is borne on the devoted shoulders of the infantryman. . . . A country

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that is conquered must be controlled and administered; a city that surrenders must be occupied. Battles can be won in the air or on the sea, and the mark of victory is this, that the patient infantry, military and civil, can then advance, to organize peace.

SIR WALTER A. RALEIGH

The War in the Air

MCXXXVI

Sad but, thou know'st, to Israelites not saddest,
The desolation of a hostile city.

MILTON

Samson Agonistes

MCXXXVII

Sed quod quaeris, quando, qua, quo, nihil adhuc scimus.
Istuc ipsum de Baiis, nonnulli dubitant, an per Sardiniam
veniat.

CICERO

Ep. ad Fam. ix. 7

As to your question, "When, by what road, and whither?" well, so far I know nothing. As for your own idea about Baiae, some are inclined to think that he is coming through Sardinia.

(LOEB trans.)

MCXXXVIII

The enemy staggers: if you follow your blow he falls at your feet; but if you allow him respite he will recover his strength, and come upon you with greater fury. We have given him several repeated wounds that have enfeebled him, and brought him low; but they are such as time will heal unless you take advantage from his present weakness to redouble your attacks upon him. It was a celebrated part

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in *Caesar's* character, and what comes home to our present purpose, that he thought nothing at all was done while anything remained undone.

From an Essay

The Present State of the War, dated November, 1707

MCXXXIX

Our government is a government of universal toleration. The freedom of America, its greatest blessing, secures to every citizen the right of thinking, of speaking, of worshipping and acting as he pleases, provided he does not violate the laws. . . . Power is always insolent and despotic: whether exercised in throwing its opposers into a bastille; burning them at the stake; torturing them on the rack; beheading them with a guillotine; or taking them off, as at the massacre of St. Bartholomew, at a general sweep. When the will of man is raised above law, it is always tyranny and despotism, whether it is the will of a bashaw or of bastard patriots.

NOAH WEBSTER

(Died May 28, 1843)

MCXL

So long as selfishness prevails in human nature, so long will aggressive wars arise: and so long as a true and vivid spirit of hatred to the evil strength of Wrong exists and a righteous sense of the mightiness of Right, so long will there always be found nations who will take arms to a man, and with one heart protest against the unholy Thing. And in doing this they are morally benefited. The boundaries of justice and injustice are more clearly defined. The nation is given something else but itself and its prosperity to think of, for as the very life of the individual is to help others lovingly, so the life of a kingdom is renewed by a manful defence of the Rights of others against oppression.

STOPFORD BROOKE

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MCXLI

When it is thought necessary to correct a dog by corporal measures, it is found that the best effect is got by what is rather callously called a " sound " thrashing. . . . However repulsive the idea may be to creatures of the socialized type, no sentimentalism and no pacifist theorizing can conceal the fact that the respect of a dog can be won by violence. . . . It follows that her [Germany's] respect is to be won by a thorough and drastic beating, and it is just that elementary respect for other nations, of which she is now entirely free, which it is the duty of Europe to teach her.

WILFRED TROTTER

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Pantelleria and Lampedusa surrender!—The King in North Africa and Malta.

MCXLII

Utterly uncertain, therefore, upon what point the storm was to burst, [they] were under the necessity of providing against every possible contingency, and their followers, however brave, experienced the anxious dejection of mind incident to men inclosed by enemies, who possessed the power of choosing their time and mode of attack.

SCOTT

Ivanhoe, Ch. 30

MCXLIII

Il faut donc s'attendre à des partis, ou plus mieux dire, à des compérages qui haïront plutôt la fortune que les principes de ceux qui sont dans la coterie ou le parti contraire, et qui ne manqueront pas d'appeler amour de la liberté et patriotisme l'ambition et les intérêts personnels qui les animent les uns contre les autres. Mais tous ces partis, tous ces petits cercles, seront toujours contenus dans le grand cercle des bons citoyens qui ne souffriront jamais le retour de la tyrannie.

CAMILLE DESMOULINS

Le Vieux Cordelier (1794)

MCXLIV

If it had not been for you English I should have been Emperor of the East. But wherever there is water to float a ship, we are sure to find you in the way.

NAPOLÉON

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MCXLV

So when the world is asleep, and there seems no hope of her
waking

Out of the long, bad dream that makes her mutter and moan,
Suddenly, all men arise to the noise of fetters breaking,
And every one smiles at his neighbour and tells him his soul
is his own.

RUDYARD KIPLING

MCXLVI

In the beginning of the contest when we were sensible of
danger, we had daily prayers in this room for Divine pro-
tection. Our prayers, Sir, were heard and they were graci-
ously answered. I have lived for a long time, and the longer
I live the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that
God governs the affairs of man.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN (1787)

MCXLVII

Que les Romains, pressés de l'un à l'autre bout,
Doutent où vous serez, et vous trouvent partout.

RACINE

Mithridate

MCXLVIII

ποτὶ δ' ἐχθρόν ἄτ' ἐχθρὸς ἐὼν λύκοιο δίκαν ὑποθεύσομαι,
ἀλλ' ἄλλοτε πατέων ὁδοῖς σκολιαῖς.

PINDAR

Pyth. II.

But towards a foe, an open foe
I'll run upon him from below;
Wolflike and circling my warfare,
Now on him here, now on him there.

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"Ye are not yet out of gunshot," he said. "Set your faces like a flint, for you have all power in heaven and on earth on your side."

JOHN BUNYAN

MCL

Are not the maledictions of mankind every hour ascending, and can the sword of terror intimidate for ever? A morose, hard-hearted, melancholy tyrant, projecting hourly new insults and injuries to mankind; new sacrifices of the interests, the feelings, and the happiness of his fellow-creatures, to his own solitary and boundless despotism; purposing only to carry on the endless wars of ambition under distant climes; making myriads shed their blood for foreign rapine, and incur the curse of annihilating innocent nations; he lives surrounded by the fears and the hatred of his species.

CANNING (1809)

MCLI

Rome shall perish—write that word
In the blood that she has spilt;
Perish, hopeless and abhorred,
Deep in ruin as in guilt.

WILLIAM COWPER

MCLII

Exigit poenas mare provocatum.

SENECA

The challenged sea exacts its penalties.

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MCLIII

Unquestionably the great war has wrought great things in us; we have been stirred to reflexion, dormant faculties have been quickened into life, the spirit of self-sacrifice is in marvellous display, all classes are pervaded with the sense of brotherhood. As unquestionably there is ground for hope that these and such-like features are not destined to speedy disappearance; as Browning confidently tells us: "There shall never be one lost good." What cannot be said is that the nation has as yet risen to, let alone consecrated itself to, an "ideal" which takes full account of things intellectual, moral, and spiritual. And apart from such an ideal, there can be, in the true sense of the word, no national "wealth."

H. LATIMER JACKSON, D.D.

The Problem of the Fourth Gospel (1918)

MCLIV

I do not admire the intellect of the man who can look over that map without gathering some notion of what is meant by the deliverance of Europe.

CANNING (1798)

MCLV

The history of Sicily, with all its greatness and its special interest, must be set down as in some sort a secondary history. It is a history which exists mainly in its relation to the history of other lands. So to be is implied in the position of the island as the meeting-place of the nations. . . . But if the history of Sicily is chiefly made up of the strifes of nations whose chief seats were elsewhere, yet Sicily ever held a place which tended to make its possession of the utmost weight among the powers which strove for it. It was more than a prize to add to the strength and fame of the power

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which might win it. The fate of Sicily touched the very life of the contending powers; it touched the very life of all European history.

E. A. FREEMAN

MCLVI

—Where is the king?

—The king himself is rode to view their battle.

SHAKESPEARE

King Henry V

MCLVII

One fortune has ever befallen those whom the indignant gods have cursed with despotic power: to feed upon falsehood, to loathe and sicken at truth, to avoid the friendly, to suspect the honest, and to abominate the brave.

LANDOR

Solon and Pisistratus

MCLVIII

Patient hope

Must wait the appointed hour; secure of this,
That never with the indolent and weak
Will freedom deign to dwell; she must be seiz'd
By that bold arm that wrestles for the blessing.

MRS. BARBAULD

(born June 20, 1743)

MCLIX

Humanae speciei plantae se magna figurat
Insula (Sardiniam veteres dixere coloni),
Dives ager frugum, Poenos Italosve petenti
Opportuna situ.

CLAUDIAN

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Shaped like a man's foot-print there lies a large
Island (by men of old Sardinia named),
Fertile in crops; a ready port of call
For ships to Africa, or Italy.

MCLX

Russia opposes to the machinations of the enemy an army
undaunted in courage, which burns with the desire to chase
the enemy from its country; to destroy those locusts who
appear to overload the earth, but whom the earth will reject
from its bosom and deny even the right of sepulture.

ALEXANDER I

To the People of Russia, 1812 (quoted by Alison)

MCLXI

intremere omnem
murmure Trinacriam et caelum subtexere fumo.

VIRGIL

All Sicily
Trembles and roars; the sky is veiled in smoke.

MCLXII

Frenchmen, let us love one another, my God! my God!
let us love one another or we are lost. Let us destroy, let
us deny, let us annihilate politics, since it divides us and
arms us against one another; let us ask from no one what
he was and what he wanted yesterday. Yesterday all the
world was mistaken, let us know what we want to-day.

GEORGE SAND (1871)

MCLXIII

Whoso upon himself will take the skill
True justice unto people to divide,
Had need have mighty hands, for to fulfill
That which he doth with righteous doom decide,

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And for to master wrong and puissant pride.
For vain it is to deem of things aright
And makes wrong-doers justice to deride.
Unless it be performed with dreadless might,
For power is the right hand of justice truly hight.
EDMUND SPENSER

MCLXIV

The presence of a king engenders love
Among his subjects and his loyal friends
As it disanimates his enemies.
SHAKESPEARE

MCLXV

Then Satan first knew pain,
And writhed him to and fro convolv'd.
MILTON

MCLXVI

If the cause and end of war be justifiable, all the means that appear necessary to the end are justifiable also. This is the principle which defends those extremities to which the violence of war usually proceeds; for since war is a contest by *force* between parties who acknowledge no common superior, and since it includes not in its idea the supposition of any convention which should place limits to the operations of force, it has naturally no boundary but that in which force terminates, the destruction of the life against which the force is directed. Let it be observed, however, that the licence of war authorizes no acts of hostility but what are necessary or conducive to the end and object of the war. Gratuitous barbarities borrow no excuse from this plea.

WILLIAM PALEY (1743–1805)

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MCLXVII

Other ships and other cargoes of a very different kind, yet in their own way as well calculated to convey some idea of England's greatness, came under Metternich's eye. From a hill above Cowes he watched two great convoys of merchantment, sailing west and east, pass out to sea under cover of the Grand Fleet and remembered it years after as the finest sight he ever saw. Greatly as the scene differed from that which he had beheld at Westminster, it had provided him with a rare glimpse of England's strength to add to that of England's freedom.

ALGERNON CECIL
Metternich

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General Sikorski killed—Sicily invaded—Mussolini resigns.

MCLXVIII

A weak minister can never raise the spirit of the people to an heroic height. It is extremely doubtful whether the coalition against Napoleon would have been formed or maintained were it not for the unbounded confidence of foreign potentates in the strength of the English Ministry, in its complete command of the resources of the nation, and in the resolution and stability of its chief.

LECKY

MCLXIX

In the balance of the world's forces Sicily has been feminine and reproductive rather than masculine and creative; endowed with supreme natural beauty, she has been loved by all, she has favoured many, and she has borne sons to a few, such as Archimedes and Theocritus, Dionysius and Agathocles, King Roger and Frederick Second of Hohenstaufen, of Greek, Norman, and Norman-German blood. But if we ask for a great man whom we may call a Sicilian, we must ask what Sicilians were, and we shall receive different answers in different ages—Greeks, Arabs, Normans, Spaniards, and Italians have all been Sicilians at one time or another. We may figure the island as the undying heroine of an unending romance, wooed, won, and lost by many lovers who have met and fought and have conquered, or have been vanquished in the struggle for the possession of her beauty. Sicily has been the Helen of a European Epos.

F. MARION CRAWFORD

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MCLXX

"No country is wretched, sweet lady," returned the knight, "till by a dastardly acquiescence it consents to its own slavery. Bonds and death are the utmost of our enemy's malice; the one is beyond their power to inflict when a man is determined to die or live free; and for the other, which of us will think that ruin which leads us into the blessed freedom of Paradise?"

JANE PORTER

The Scottish Chiefs (1809)

MCLXXI

θαρσεῖ· χρόνῳ τοι κυρίῳ τ' ἐν ἡμέρᾳ
θεοῦς ἀτίζων τις βροτῶν δώσει δίκην.

AESCHYLUS

Suppliants

Take heart. At last a day comes and an hour
When he who mocks the gods will feel their power.

GILBERT MURRAY

MCLXXII

Warsaw's last champion from her height surveyed
Wide o'er the fields, a waste of ruin laid;
"Oh! Heaven!" he cried, "my bleeding country save!
Is there no hand on high to shield the brave?
Yet, though destruction sweep these lovely plains,
Rise, fellow men! our country yet remains!
By that dread name we wave the sword on high,
And swear for her to live!—with her to die!"

CAMPBELL

Pleasures of Hope

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MCLXXIII

China, with her immense territories, with the untold and yet-to-be-developed wealth of her great provinces, with her hundreds of millions of industrious, intelligent, law-abiding and easily-governed people, organized to meet the requirements of the new times and armed with the teaching and appliances of scientists—sooner or later China will rank among the Powers of the world and be a great factor in history.

SIR ROBERT HART (1908)

MCLXXIV

This Kingdom is plentifully furnished with Mariners and Sea-men. The constant Trade of merchandizing will supply us at time of Need. . . . Sea-Captains, Commanders, and other Officers, must be encouraged, and raised by degrees; as their Fidelity and Industry deserve it. And never let brave Spirits, that have fitted themselves for Command, either by Sea or Land, be laid by; as Persons unnecessary for the Time.

BACON

MCLXXV

Happy the nation who boldly seizes the first cudgel that comes to hand, without stopping to think what others would do in the same case, and then never lays it down till rage and revenge have given place to contempt and pity.

TOLSTOY

MCLXXVI

I see a beautiful city and a brilliant people rising from this abyss, and in their struggles to be truly free, in their triumphs and defeats, through long years to come, I see the evil of this time and of the previous time of which this is the natural birth, gradually making expiation for itself and wearing out.

CHARLES DICKENS

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MCLXXVII

οὔτοι δικάζει ταῦτα μαρτύρων ὑπο
"Αρης· τὸ νεικὸς δ' οὐκ ἐν ἀργύρου λαβῇ
ἔλυσεν· ἀλλὰ πολλὰ γίγνεται πάρος
πесήματ' ἀνδρῶν κάπολακτισμοὶ βίου.

AESCHYLUS

This is no law-suit with its witnesses,
But war; no sum of silver paid in court
Settles the feud; nay, first there must be many
Fallings of men and shufflings-off of life.

MCLXXVIII

Αἰσχύλον Εὐφωρίωνος Ἀθηναῖον τόδε κεῖθαι
μνήμα καταφθίμενον πυροφόροιο Γέλας·
ἀλκὴν δ' εὐδόκιμον Μαραθῶνιον ἄλσος ἂν εἴποι
καὶ βαθυχαιτήεις Μῆδος ἐπιστάμενος.

Epitaph at Gela in Sicily

Athenian Aeschylus Euphorion's son—
Cornbearing Gela gives him burial here.
His valour is enshrined at Marathon,
And the coifed Mede is its remembrancer.

MCLXXIX

She struggles in a deathly trance,
As in a dream her pulses stir,
She hears the nations calling her,
"France, France, France."
CHRISTINA ROSSETTI (1870)

MCLXXX

Sicily is so endeared by classical, historical, and scientific associations, that its very name inspires a romantic prepossession, nor is it the *magni nominis umbra* usually imagined, being the largest, and still the richest and most civilized of all the islands in the Mediterranean sea. From its favourable geographical situation, mild climate and great fertility; from its strong military positions, secure harbours, and innumerable resources, it has ever been an object of eager contention, and must always continue to be the scene of political struggles and important events.

ADMIRAL SIR WILLIAM HENRY SMYTH
Sicily and its Islands (1824)

MCLXXXI

High fate is theirs, ye sleepless waves, whose ear
Learns Freedom's lesson from your voice of fear;
Whose spell-bound sense from childhood's hour hath known
Familiar meanings in your mystic tone:
Sounds of deep import—voices that beguile
Age of its tears and childhood of its smile,
To yearn with speechless impulse to the free
And gladsome greetings of the buoyant sea!

MATTHEW ARNOLD
Cromwell (Newdigate Prize Poem, 1843)

MCLXXXII

The praise of living men who shall speak after he is gone, the best fame after death for every man, is that he should strive ere he must depart, work on earth with bold deeds against the malice of fiends, against the devil, so that the

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children of men may later exalt him and his praise live
afterwards among the angels for ever and ever.

From *The Seafarer*
(Trans. R. K. GORDON)

MCLXXXIII

Et humanum genus, potissimum liberum, optime se habet.

DANTE
De Monarchia

The human race, when most completely free, is in its
highest state of excellence.

MCLXXXIV

. . . the pale inhabitants come forth,
And, happy in their unforeseen release
From all the rigours of restraint, enjoy
The terrors of the day that sets them free.
Who then, that has thee, would not hold thee fast,
Freedom! whom they that lose thee so regret
That ev'n a judgment, making way for thee,
Seems in their eyes a mercy for thy sake?

COWPER
The Task, II

MCLXXXV

Destructus ensis cui super impia
Cervice pendet, non Siculae dapes
Dulcem elaborabunt saporem,
Non avium citharaeque cantus
Somnum reducent.

HORACE
When guilty conscience sees hanging over it
The sword's reprisal, not Sicily's dishes

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Shall taste of art's choicest refinement,
Neither an aviary nor the lute-strings
Bring back the lost sleep.

MCLXXXVI

. . . that fair field
Of Enna, where Proserpin gathering flowers,
Herself a fairer flower, by gloomy Dis
Was gathered.

MILTON
Paradise Lost, iv.

MCLXXXVII

In medio scopulis se porrigit Aetna perustis,
Aetna giganteos numquam tacitura triumphos.

CLAUDIAN

There in the midst rise up charred Aetna's crags,
For ever eloquent of giants quelled.

MCLXXXVIII

The time may yet come to Europe when the career of a
conqueror will be as impossible within its limits as that of a
Sicilian brigand is already in the Isle of Wight.

P. G. HAMERTON
Round My House (1876)

MCLXXXIX

Among the orange groves of Palermo, Roger, the descendant of the Vikings, sat upon his throne, robed in the dalmatic of the apostolic legate and the imperial costume of Byzantium, his ministers part Greek, part English, his army composed as to half of Moors, his fleet officered by Greeks, himself a Latin Christian, but, in that balmy climate of the south, ruling in half-Byzantine, half-oriental state, with a harem

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and eunuchs, a true representative of his lovely island, shared then as ever between east and west.

Mosaics, the best which Greece could provide, still embellish the walls of the noble cathedral of Monreale, which looks down upon the flowers and orchards of the Conca d'Oro. In that same earthly paradise an exquisite cloister still invites to repose, and the visitor, noting there what he sees of building and sculpture, of jewelry and decoration, must admire the splendour of the Norman princes now sleeping in tombs of dark porphyry, who in the twelfth century brought about so great an assemblage of the arts and crafts of their age.

H. A. L. FISHER

History of Europe (1936)

MCXC

Usque adeo res humanas vis abdita quaedam
Opterit, et pulcros fasces saevasque secures
Proculcare, ac ludibrio sibi habere videtur.

LUCRETIUS, V

So ever on human things some hidden power
Tramples, and treads the haughty *fasces* down
And ruthless axes, making mock of them.

MCXCI

The ends of the allies are well known; they have been frequently and precisely stated. They are not selfish ends; they are not vindictive ends; but they require that there should be adequate reparation for the past, and adequate security for the future. Upon their achievement, we in this country honestly believe, depend the best hopes of humanity. For them we have given, we are giving, what we can least afford to give—without stint, without regret, but only as the price by which the world will purchase, and surely hold in the years to come, protection for the weak, the supremacy of right over force, and the free development, under equal

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conditions and each in accordance with its own genius, of all the States, great or small, which build up the family of civilized mankind.

H. H. ASQUITH (1916)

MCXCII

To live by one man's will became the cause of all men's misery.

R. HOOKER

Ecclesiastical Polity

MCXCIII

I wish, ye Latians, what ye now debate
Had been resolved before it was too late.
Much better had it been for you and me,
Unforced by this our last necessity,
To have been earlier wise, than now to call
A council, when the foe surrounds the wall.
O citizens! we wage unequal war,
With men, not only Heaven's peculiar care,
But Heaven's own race—unconquered in the field,
Or, conquered, yet unknowing how to yield.

DRYDEN

Virgil's Aeneid, xi. 463–472

MCXCIV

Per hunc regnum Siculum fiet tui iuris,
ad radicem arboris ponitur securis:
tyrannus extollitur et est sine curis,
sed eius interitus venit instar furis.

MANITIUS

Die Gedichte des Archipoeta (twelfth century)

Through him [an angel seen in a vision] the kingdom of Sicily will come into your power, the axe is laid unto the root of the tree; the tyrant is taken away and has lost his posts, his end cometh as a thief in the night.

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Orel and Bielgorod captured—President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill in Quebec—French Committee of National Liberation recognised—Successes in Sicily.

MCXCV

I should like to whisper into the ear of the Italians (whom I love) a little home truth. How can you have anything to do with a *Hornviehrasse* like the Germans? *Quousque tandem*, Crispi? Triple Alliance: with the "Reich" an intelligent people can only make a *mésalliance*.

FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE

Preface to The Case of Wagner

MCXCVI

Thoughts speculative their unsure hopes relate;
But certain issue strokes must arbitrate:
Towards which advance the war!

SHAKESPEARE

Macbeth, v. 4

MCXCVII

Ahi serva Italia, di dolore ostello,
Nave senza nocchiere in grand tempesta!

DANTE

Purg. vi

Ah, slavish Italy, hostel of woe,
Ship without pilot in the tempest's rage!

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MCXCVIII

Education certainly brings victory with it, though victory sometimes brings neglect of education. For men often grow insolent from victory in war, and insolence fills them full of innumerable other vices. Pyrrhic victories have been and will be only too common; but there has never been a Pyrrhic education.

PLATO
Laws, I

MCXCIX

The victory won by the Russians was not indeed one of those which are bedizened with those rags nailed to a pole which are dignified as flags, or which derive their splendour from extent of conquest; but it was one of those triumphs which carry home to the soul of the aggressor a two-fold conviction of his adversary's moral superiority and of his own weakness. The invading army, like some wild beast broken loose, had been mortally wounded; it was consciously rushing on to ruin.

TOLSTOY
War and Peace

MCC

. . . Or some Montgomery fearless lead them,
Till God knows what may be effected,
When by such heads and hearts directed. . .

ROBERT BURNS

MCCI

Our countrymen
Are men more order'd than when Julius Caesar/
Smiled at their lack of skill, but found their courage
Worthy his frowning at: their discipline,
Now mingled with their courages, will make known
To their approvers they are people such
That mend upon the world.

SHAKESPEARE
Cymbeline

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MCCII

But—a stirring thrills the air
Like to sounds of joyance there
 That the rages
 Of the ages
Shall be cancelled, and deliverance offered from the darts
 that were,
Consciousness the Will informing, till It fashion all things
fair!

THOMAS HARDY
The Dynasts

MCCIII

Just now it seems especially opportune that we should look back for practical lessons, for encouragement, direction, and warning, to an age when great actions seemed the spontaneous instinct of the community, and success rose to the amplest range of aspiration. If miracles were wrought then, they were wrought by men using human means under that agency which will always work miracles—under the inspiration of a faith in righteousness being the law and order of the world—of a manful resolution to dare everything for the right—of a prudence to judge of means—of a gallant spirit to hold life and labour and pain all well spent in the service of their country, and in the cause of God, freedom, and human happiness.

GEORGE BRIMLEY (1855)

MCCIV

I cannot escape from the belief that the German smash will be very complete and very ugly. . . . They speculated on the rest of Europe being low-down crawling creatures, and they are going to lose.

SIR WALTER RALEIGH
(Letter to H. A. L. Fisher, January 29, 1916)

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MCCV

Men will not fight for an oppressor in the day of his need. Thus gigantic empires have crumbled into dust at the first touch of an invader's footstep. For petty, as for great oppressions, there is a day of retribution growing out of themselves. It is often long in coming . . . but it comes.

T. L. PEACOCK

MCCVI

Every great crime against culture for the last four centuries lies on the German conscience . . . and always for the same reason, always owing to their bottomless cowardice in the face of reality, which is also cowardice in the face of truth. . . . They have entirely lost the breadth of vision, which enables one to grasp the course of culture and the values of culture, and they are, one and all, political puppets.

FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE

MCCVII

O England! dearer far than life is dear,
If I forget thy prowess, never more
Be thy ungrateful son allowed to hear
Thy green leaves rustle or thy torrents roar!

WILLIAM WORDSWORTH, 1816

MCCVIII

The Italians have shown themselves very weak; their campaign was deplorable. . . . They have not shown the tenth part of the power that little Greece displayed . . . not to speak of the Netherlands. Tall talk without outward action, extravagant chimeras, dishonesty towards themselves, and lack of civic virtue. A revolution at home is necessary.

FERDINAND GREGOROVIVS

Roman Journal, July 29, 1866

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MCCIX

Our prayers have been accepted; thou wilt stand
On Etna's summit, above earth and sea,
Triumphant, winning from the invaded heavens
Thoughts without bound, magnificent designs.

WORDSWORTH

The Prelude, Book xi.

MCCX

Return, Alpheus, the dread voice is past
That shrunk thy streams; return, Sicilian Muse.

MILTON

MCCXI

. . . Why Italy still waits, and what her aim
I know not . . .

While the poor panic-stricken land displays
The thousand wounds which now so mar her frame,
That e'en from foes compassion they command. . . .

PETRARCH

(Trans. MACGREGOR)

MCCXII

- Say, what is loss of country? A great ill?
- The greatest, greater than in name indeed.
- How so? What is it exiles feel so hard?
- This one thing most: the want of open speech.
- A slave's lot this!—never to speak one's mind.
- And rulers' ignorance must be endured.
- Grievous this too—with lack-wits to lack wit.
- And there's unnatural servitude for gain.
- But hopes sustain the exile, so they say?
- Yes, with fair-seeming glances, but they tarry.

EURIPIDES

Phoen. 388

MCCXIII

My deare Ned, let me upon this put you in minde that this year 1639, is the yeare in which maney are of the opinion that Antichrist must begine to falle. The Lord say Amen to it: if this be not the year, yet shure it shall be, in is due time. What nwes I heare consarning Jermanny you may see by this inclosed, which I resevd this morneing.

LADY BRILLIANA HARLEY

To her son Edward at Magdalen Hall, Oxford, April 6, 1639

MCCXIV

Chieftains! to whom—not distant is the day
Aright if Fancy dream, nor Hope betray,—
Attendant still on Conquest's gory path,
Just Heaven shall delegate the sword of wrath!
When stung with shame of ills too long endur'd
From war's worst chance by present ills secur'd
The gathering nations, rous'd to tenfold hate,
Shall grasp—indignant grasp—the bolts of Fate,
And steel'd by vows that make it base to spare,
Hunt the relentless Savage to his lair—
In that rude hour, if chance his tortur'd soul,
Lash'd by Despair, and madden'd by Controul
Fling, for a space, each meaner care behind,
And shew some dawns of a nobler mind,
Oh! heed them not—nor let the Spoiler claim
A soldier's reverence, or a hero's fame.

STRATFORD CANNING (1814)

MCCXV

All the world hated her, and she could not replace her dead sons, nor persuade the world that she was invincible—she that had promised freedom to all, and had given them over to “harmost” and satrap.

T. P. GLOVER

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MCCXVI

This opportunity, therefore, is by no means to be slipped, that Italy, after so long expectation, may see some hopes of deliverance. Nor can it be expressed with what joy, with what impatience of revenge, with what fidelity, with what compassion, with what tears such a champion would be received into all the provinces that have suffered by those barbarous inundations. . . . What true Italian would refuse to follow him? There is not, there is not anybody but abhors and nauseates this barbarous domination.

MACHIAVELLI

The Prince

MCCXVII

Any animated description of a modern battle, any private soldier's letter published in the newspapers, any page of the records of the Victoria Cross, will show that in the ranks of the army there exists under all disadvantages as fine a sense of duty as is to be found in any station on earth. Who doubts that if we all did our duty as faithfully as the soldier does his, this world would be a better place?

DICKENS

The Great Tasmania's Cargo (1860)

MCCXVIII

I state with profound conviction, that there probably does not exist a single people in Europe which is not able by faith, by self-sacrifice, and by the logic of revolution to break its chains.

MAZZINI

Translated by THOMAS OKEY, from *Faith and the Future*

OLD AND TRUE

MCCXIX

Nature upsets her own balance continually, and far from resenting all innovations of man, she often welcomes them as incentives to experiment. . . . We build streets, and pull them down again, leaving their unsightly and ruinous foundations, and in a few seasons she perches little fruit trees on sooty hearths, and dyes the rubbly wastes with sheets of purple willow-herb. . . . Nature has no heart and no purpose, but only an inexhaustible vitality; and if we would shape her to our own heart's desire, we must rely on our own efforts.

ANTHONY COLLETT

The Changing Face of England (1926)

MCCXX

The common heart of man
Agrees to deem some deeds so horrible,
That neither gratitude, nor tie of race,
Womanly pity, nor maternal fear,
Nor any pleader else, shall be indulg'd
To breathe a syllable to bar revenge.

MATTHEW ARNOLD

Merape

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*Italy surrenders—British troops land—Mussolini escapes—
Capture of Poltava and Smolensk.*

MCCXXI

Crimes and criminals are swept away by time, nature finds an antidote for their poison, and they and their ill consequences alike are blotted out and perish. . . . But the θηριώδης κακία, the enormous wickedness by which humanity itself has been outraged and disgraced, we cannot forgive; we cannot cease to hate that; the years roll away, but the tints of it remain on the pages of history, deep and horrible as the day on which they were entered there.

J. A. FROUDE (1852)

MCCXXII

There is no end to giving way to fancies; occupation is my sheet anchor.

JOHN CONSTABLE, R.A. (1822)

MCCXXIII

To submit yourselves with that humility to the judgments of Heaven, and at the same time to raise yourselves with that vigour above all human enemies; to be combated at once from above and from below; to be struck down and to triumph; I know not whether such trials have ever been paralleled in any nation, the resolution and successes of them never can be.

DRYDEN

Dedication (to the City of London) of *Annus Mirabilis* (1666)

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Fly, O our flag, through deep Italian air,
Above the flags that were.

ALGERNON CHARLES SWINBURNE

MCCXXV

Tell the English that their present duty is war. War, with the scope of deciding whether Europe is to be left at the mercy of successive despotic usurpations, or to become a free, well-ordered Europe, pleasing to God, and progressing in peace. War, with the scope of solving once for all the ancient problem whether Man is to remain a passive slave trodden underfoot by organized brute force, or a free agent responsible for his actions before God and his fellow-men.

MAZZINI

To the President of the Polish Meeting, London, November 29, 1853

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An army supported by an invincible navy possesses a strength which is out of all proportion to its size. Even those who rely on their big battalions and huge fortresses, the amphibious power of a great maritime State, if intelligently directed, may be a most formidable menace: while to the State itself it is an extraordinary security. . . . The predominant part played by the army under Wellington in Spain and Belgium has tended to obscure the principle that governed its employment in the war of 1793–1815. The army, in the opinion of the country, was first and foremost the auxiliary of the fleet; and only when the naval strength of the enemy had been destroyed was it used in the ordinary manner—*i.e.*, in the invasion of the hostile territory and in lending aid to the forces of confederate Powers. Events proved that these principles are absolutely sound.

COLONEL G. F. R. HENDERSON

Science of War (1905)

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War, for example, and capital punishment, are frequently denounced as *unchristian*, because they involve circumstances of horror; and when the ardent champions of some great cause have declared that they would persevere although it should be necessary to lay waste a continent and exterminate a nation, the resolution is stigmatized as shocking and *unchristian*. Shocking it may be, but not therefore unchristian. The Enthusiasm of Humanity . . . creates an intolerant anger against all who do wrong to human beings, an impatience of selfish enjoyment, a vindictive enmity to tyrants and oppressors.

J. R. SEELEY

Ecce Homo

MCCXXVIII

. . . pacisque imponere morem,
parcere subiectis et debellare superbos.

VIRGIL

. . . to impose the way of peace,
To spare the conquered and to quell the proud.

MCCXXIX

"When I treat with my enemies," replied the Roman chief, with an haughty smile, "I am more accustomed to give than to receive counsel; but I hold in one hand inevitable ruin, and in the other peace and freedom, such as Sicily now enjoys."

GIBBON

Decline and Fall, ch. 41 (Belisarius at the siege of Naples, A.D. 537)

MCCXXX

Ah! poor Italia! what a bitter cup
Of vengeance hast thou drain'd! Goths, Vandals, Huns,
How many a ruffian form hast thou beheld!

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What horrid jargons heard, where rage alone
Was all thy frightened ear could comprehend!

THOMSON
Liberty

MCCXXXI

The story of all the wars in which England has taken part shows us that at first she always gets the worst and begins with forces out of proportion to her power; but the disasters she suffers and the reverses she endures, instead of discouraging her, have the effect of rousing her to greater efforts and bigger sacrifices; and while her adversaries, after achieving some successes, lose courage and dissipate their forces, with the progress of the war she gains in strength and in the means of attack.

CAVOUR
(In Piedmontese Chamber of Deputies, February 6, 1855)

MCCXXXII

Felix Roma quidem civesque habitura beatos,
Si Libertatis superis tam cura placeret
Quam vindicta placet.

LUCAN
Happy were Rome and blest her citizens,
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As now to punish.

MCCXXXIII

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doth seeme to be false, and impossible.

WILLIAM HARRISON
Description of England (1577)

MCCXXXIV

What! have you let the false enchanter scape?
O ye mistook; ye should have snatched his wand,
And bound him fast . . .
Yet stay, be not disturbed; now I bethink me
Some other means I have which may be used.

MILTON
Comus

MCCXXXV

Alas! It will not do, Bates. I too have thought upon the
horrors of war, of the blessings of peace, and of the fatal
distraction of men's minds from seeking them, by the roll of
the drum and the thunder of the inexorable cannon. How-
ever, Bates, the world is not so far upon its course, yet, but
that there are tyrants and oppressors left upon it, watchful
to find Freedom weak that they may strike, and backed by
great armies.

CHARLES DICKENS

MCCXXXVI

Stetimus tela aspera contra
Contulimusque manus: experto credite quantus
In clipeum assurgat, quo turbine torqueat hastam.

VIRGIL
Aen. xi

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Thus fell that incomparable young man, in the four and thirtieth year of his age, having so much despatched the business of life that the oldest rarely attain to that immense knowledge, and the youngest enter not into the world with more innocence; whosoever leads such a life need not care upon how short warning it be taken from him.

CLARENDON

On the death of Viscount Falkland at the Battle of Newbury, September 20, 1643.

MCCXXXVIII

Behold e'en the remoter shores
A conquering navy proudly spread;
The British cannon formidably roars,
While starting from his oozy bed,
Th' asserted ocean rears his reverend head,
To view and recognize his ancient lord again;
And, with a willing hand, restores
The fasces of the main.

DRYDEN

MCCXXXIX

If hush'd the loud whirlwind that ruffled the deep,
The sky if no longer dark tempests deform;
When our perils are past shall our gratitude sleep?
No! Here's to the Pilot that weather'd the storm!

CANNING

On Pitt (1802)

MCCXL

In Italy, throughout the Middle Ages and down to our own time, the Germans were never, in the judgment and feel-

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ing of the Italians, other than what they were at the first—barbarians whom the Italians were not strong enough to keep out.

DEAN CHURCH

Beginning of the Middle Ages

MCCXLI

Hide, blushing Glory, hide Pultowa's day.

JOHNSON

Vanity of Human Wishes

MCCXLII

Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.

MR. CHURCHILL

House of Commons, August 20, 1940

MCCXLIII

To evince and demonstrate the courage of an Italian spirit it was necessary that Italy should be reduced to its present position; that it should be in greater bondage than the Jews, in greater servitude than the Persians, and in greater dispersion than the Athenians; without head, without order, harassed, spoiled, overcome, overrun, and overflowed with all sorts of calamity. . . . It is manifest how she prays to God daily to send some person who may redeem her from the cruelty and insolence of the Barbarians.

MACHIAVELLI

The Prince, ch. 26

MCCXLIV

Esse aliquam in terris gentem quae sua impensa, suo labore ac periculo bella gerat pro libertate aliorum nec hoc finitimis aut propinquae vicinitatis hominibus aut terris continentibus iunctis praestet, sed maria traiciat, ne quod toto orbe terrarum iniustum imperium sit, ubique ius, fas, lex potentissima sint.

LIVY

xxxiii. 33

There was one people in the world which would fight for others' liberties at its own cost, to its own peril and with its own toil, not limiting its guaranties of freedom to its own neighbours, to men of the immediate vicinity, or to countries that lay close at hand, but ready to cross the sea that there might be no unjust empire anywhere and that everywhere justice, right, and law might prevail.

(Trans. E. T. SAGE, Loeb ed.)

MCCXLV

"About a mile from hence there is one Slay-good, a giant that doth much annoy the King's highway in these parts. And I know whereabout his haunt is: he is master of a number of thieves; 'twould be well if we could clear these parts of him."

So they consented and went, Mr. Great-heart with his sword, helmet and shield, and the rest with spears and staves.

When they came to the place where he was, they found him with one Feeble-mind in his hands, whom his servants had brought unto him, having taken him in the way; now the giant was rifling of him, with a purpose, after that, to pick his bones; for he was of the nature of flesh-eaters.

Well, so soon as he saw Mr. Great-heart and his friends at the mouth of his cave with their weapons, he demanded what they wanted.

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GREAT-HEART: " We want thee; for we are come to revenge the quarrel of the many thou hast slain of the pilgrims, when thou hast dragged them out of the King's highway; wherefore, come out of thy cave."

BUNYAN

MCCXLVI

I hate and utterly despise and detest those Hun brutes, and all they can do in their temporary wickedness, for Time and Opinion, and the vengeance of a roused-up people will at length manure Italy with their carcasses.

BYRON

To Hobhouse (1820)

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Naples occupied—Corsica liberated—Italy declares war on Germany.

MCCXLVII

Follow then the example of the Saviours of your Country, and be assured that Liberty will be the reward of your Toils; and that under her pleasing shade you will gather the agreeable fruits of Security, of peace, of abundance and of contentment, of exaltation, and of glory—fruits which will be the sweeter to you the longer you have been unreasonably deprived of them by the malignity of your oppressors.

A Corsican harangue in BOSWELL'S *Account of Corsica*

MCCXLVIII

Nor is it an ordinary struggle between Reason, Sense, and Passion, that can raise men to a calm and ready Negligence of Life, and animate 'em to assault without Fear, pursue without Cruelty, and stab without Hatred.

STEELE

Christian Hero

MCCXLIX

Ne concupiscerent Romam capere potius quam servare.

TACITUS

Hist. iii

Let it be their ambition to save Rome rather than to capture it.

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MCCL

You have a right to exult in this day, which is the beginning of a new epoch not only for you but for all Italy, of which Naples forms the fairest portion. It is, indeed, a glorious day and holy—that on which a people passes from the yoke of servitude to the rank of a free nation. I thank you for this welcome, not only for myself, but in the name of all Italy, which your aid will render free and united.

GARIBALDI

To the people of Naples (TREVELYAN'S version), September 7, 1860

MCCLI

The general heart is sound; the general cry
Rings o'er the ocean, Death or Liberty!
Upon his steel-girt throne with secret fear
The bloody tyrant starts that sound to hear,
And Europe's crouching realms with envy see
One monarch reigning and one people free!

W. T. FITZGERALD (1811)

MCCLII

Dame Nature should have formed thee, Italy,
Either much manlier, or less fair to see.
The tyrants' lust thou wouldst not have inflamed,
Or by thy warlike rage they would be tamed.
Thou, like a spark, dost agelong passions light,
'Gainst foreign foes dost foreign power invite;
Loser or conqueror in the fray,
Thou art alike thy foes' or allies' prey.
From the Greek of ALEXANDER SOUTZOS (1850)

OLD AND TRUE

MCCLIII

Imagine not that thou canst know
Mountains or men in very truth,
Until the tempests and the snow
Strike them at midnight without ruth,
And publish clear, in morning's gaze,
The lineaments they strove to erase.

WILLIAM WATSON

MCCLIV

I should never think of lightly provoking Russia; on the contrary, there is nothing in the world I would not do, in order always to be on good terms with that Empire.

FREDERICK THE GREAT (1743)

MCCLV

Καὶ οὐκ ἐξ ἐκείνων ὡς ἀμαρτησομένων ἔχειν δεῖ τὰς ἐλπίδας, ἀλλ' ὡς ἡμῶν αὐτῶν ἀσφαλῶς προνοουμένων, πολὺ τι διαφέρειν οὐ δεῖ νομίζειν ἄνθρωπον ἀνθρώπου, κρατιστὸν δὲ εἶναι ὅστις ἐν τοῖς ἀναγκαιοτάτοις παιδεύεται.

THUCYDIDES

Our hopes should not be based on the enemy's possible mistakes but on our own assured preparations; we are to assume no great difference between man and man, but that the best is the product of the strictest training.

MCCLVI

An Italian Lord once spoke as follows in my presence to the disadvantage of his nation: that the subtlety of the Italians, and the vivacity of their imagination were so great, that they foresaw the dangers and accidents that might befall them so far ahead, that it should not be thought

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strange if they were often seen in war to look to their own safety, even before they had clearly seen the peril of it . . . but that the Germans, who are heavier and coarser, have not the sense to recover their bearings, and hardly even when they are crushed with blows.

MONTAIGNE

MCCLVII

Among the alliances by which, at different periods of our history, this country has been connected with the other nations of Europe, none is so ancient in origin, and so precise in obligation—none has continued so long and been observed so faithfully—of none is the memory so intimately interwoven with the most brilliant records of our triumphs, as that by which Great Britain is connected with Portugal. It dates back to distant centuries; it has survived an endless variety of fortunes. . . . This alliance has never been seriously interrupted: but it has been renewed by repeated sanctions. It has been maintained under difficulties by which the fidelity of other alliances was shaken, and has been vindicated in fields of blood and of glory.

CANNING

(In the House of Commons, December 12, 1826)

MCCLVIII

Adspice, Roma, tuum iam vertice celsior hostem.

CLAUDIAN

Lift up thy head, Rome, and behold thine enemy.

MCCLIX

Conscious that no race of better men exists, they [the English] rely most on the simplest means; and do not like ponderous and difficult tactics, but delight to bring the affair hand to hand, where the victory lies with the strength, the courage and endurance of the individual combatants.

EMERSON

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MCCLX

The victor Fiend

Omnipotent of yore, now quails, and fears
His triumph dearly won, which soon will lend
An impulse swift and sure to his approaching end.

SHELLEY

MCCLXI

Heavy clouds hang over the future and obscure the paths of the nations. But in India, where East and West meet as nowhere else, Britain has lighted a beacon which, if she keep it burning, will show to both the way of escape from a more disastrous conflict than that from which the West has just emerged battered and bleeding—a conflict not between nations but between races.

VALENTINE CHIROL
India Old and New (1921)

MCCLXII

Mercy to a submissive foe is to be no longer an exceptional and admirable reach of human goodness, but a plain duty. There may be again contentions upon the earth, wars between state and state, feuds between family and family, quarrels between man and man, but the war "without treaty and without herald" is in the modern world, what it was not in the ancient, immoral.

J. R. SEELEY
Ecce Homo

MCCLXIII

That is the fundamental fact we have to bear in mind—that this British Commonwealth does not stand for standardization or denationalization, but for the fuller, richer, and more various life of all the nations comprised in it.

FIELD-MARSHAL SMUTS (1917)

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MCCLXIV

Now lo! on Egypt's coast that hostile fleet,
By nations dreaded and by NELSON beat;
And here shall soon another triumph come,
A deed of glory in a day of gloom;
Distressing glory! grievous boon of fate!
The proudest conquest, at the dearest rate.

CRABBE
The Parish Register

MCCLXV

προσῆκει τούτους εὐδαιμονεστάτους ἡγεῖσθαι οἵτινες ὑπὲρ
μεγίστων καὶ καλλίστων κινδυνεύσαντες οὕτω τὸν βίον ἐτελεύ-
τησαν.

LYSIAS

They who have finished their lives thus after risking them
for the greatest and noblest causes are rightly to be considered
most happy.

MCCLXVI

We require to be often reminded that truth or falsehood,
justice or injustice, are no creatures of our own belief. We
cannot make true things false, or false things true, by choos-
ing to think them so. We cannot vote right into wrong or
wrong into right. The eternal truths and rights of things
exist, fortunately, independent of our thoughts or wishes,
fixed as mathematics, inherent in the nature of man and the
world. They are no more to be trifled with than gravitation.
If we discover and obey them, it is well with us; but that is
all we can do.

J. A. FROUDE

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Kiev taken—Heaviest R.A.F. raid on Berlin—Cairo and Teheran conferences.

MCCLXXIII

What touches all should be approved of all, and it is also clear that common dangers should be met by measures agreed upon in common.

EDWARD I

Writ of summons to Parliament, 1295

MCCLXXIV

Some, when they take revenge, are desirous the party should know whence it cometh. This is the more generous. For the delight seemeth to be not so much in doing the hurt as in making the party repent.

BACON

MCCLXXV

Sed facere id non tam vincendi spe voluerunt
Quam dare quod gement hostes, ipsique perire.

LUCRETIVS

Less on the hope to win their will was set
Than that their foes should ache, themselves go down.

MCCLXXVI

Some French statesman (M. Hanotaux, I think) observed that it is nonsense to talk of the decadence or destruction of France, because the Western nations, being composite, have internal resources of repair. Alternate strains in the breed revive and recover; when the Frank wears out, the Gaul

reappears; when the Norman shows senescence, the Iberian element provides a new force of blood, and so on. And it is all France: provided the institutions are sound, it is all France, successive and alternate phases of an identical thing.

J. S. PHILLIMORE (1918)

MCCLXXVII

In order to render this Security as complete as possible, it seems necessary, at the period of a general Pacification, to form a Treaty to which all the principal Powers of Europe should be Parties, by which their respective Rights and Possessions, as they then have been established, shall be fixed and recognized, and they should all bind themselves mutually to protect and support each other, against any attempt to infringe them. It should re-establish a general and comprehensive system of Public Law in Europe, and provide, as far as possible, for repressing future attempts to disturb the general Tranquillity. . . . This Treaty should be put under the Special Guarantee of Great Britain and Russia, and the Two Powers should, by a separate engagement, bind themselves to each other jointly to take an active Part in preventing its being infringed.

PITT's *Memorandum on the Deliverance and Security of Europe*, January 19, 1805.

MCCLXXVIII

Convinced as I was that there does exist a common law between nations, a law that is valid both in the preparation for war and during war itself, I found many and cogent reasons for writing on the topic. Throughout Christendom I watched a licence of which savages would be ashamed. Men rushed to arms on the most frivolous pretexts, and once war declared there was no respect for the laws of God or man, nothing but a riot of fury as though authorization had been given for every sort of crime.

GROTIUS

OLD AND TRUE

MCCLXXIX

Ye thrones that have defied remorse, and cast
Pity away, soon shall ye quake with fear!

WORDSWORTH

MARSHAL STALIN HONOURED

O et Presidium et dulce decus meum.

HORACE

MCCLXXX

That Man, that Prince, that State thinks Past-board
Canon-proofe, that thinks Power, or Policy a Rampart,
when the Ordinance of God is planted against it. Navies
will not keepe off Navies, if God be not the Pilot, Nor Walles
keepe out Men, if God be not the Sentinell.

JOHN DONNE

MCCLXXXI

And thou, whoso thou art, that goest about
To kindle hell, on all our island hearths;
Shalt be a lord, erelong, (strong Albion saith,)
Of souls beneath the waves, and sunken ships.
Take heed thou, (that would'st slay us,) to thyself,
God abhors Caesars! Against such, be, first,
In fight, each hero's hand, and levelled shaft;
To cut him off, from all Christ's peaceful earth;
Long battle-trodden!

C. M. DOUGHTY

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MCCLXXXII

There Honour comes, a pilgrim grey,
To bless the turf that wraps their clay;
And Freedom shall awhile repair
To dwell a weeping hermit there.

COLLINS

How Sleep the Brave

MCCLXXXIII

Napoleon was at this period living in a non-existent world, created by his own imagination. He built structures in the air, he took his desires for realities, and gave his orders as if he was ignorant of the true state of affairs and as if the actual facts had been hidden from him on purpose.

MARSHAL MARMONT (1811)

MCCLXXXIV

Peace, independence, and justice, these will be the rallying words: and because they have been so long proscribed, these words will take on an almost superhuman power. . . . A cry of universal liberation will resound from one end of the earth to the other. A sense of common decency will inspire the hesitating and the timid. No man will dare to remain neutral lest he be a traitor to himself.

BENJAMIN CONSTANT (1813)

MCCLXXXV

Germany, in the days of her military defeats, would talk about having love of humanity as her sole ideal, . . . A German was, first of all, a "citizen of the world." But as soon as Germans gained the upper hand, they had no expressions of contempt too strong for utopian ideas such as were

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current in France—universal concord, fraternity, progress through the arts of peace, the Rights of Man, natural equality, and so on.

ROMAIN ROLLAND

MCCLXXXVI

I am on them as they fly,
With a voice out of the sky,
And my armèd heel is o'er them
 To fall crashing from on high.
There be fliers far and fast,
But I trip them at the last,
And my arms are there before them,
 And shall crush them ere they die!

GILBERT MURRAY

Translating the *Eumenides*

MCCLXXXVII

I would submit to a severe discipline, and go without many things cheerfully, for the good and happiness of the human race in the future. Each one of us should do something, however small, towards that great end.

RICHARD JEFFERIES

MCCLXXXVIII

It hath ever been the mark of prudent men to stablish their prosperity on a sure footing, looking before and after to meet fortune good and ill (such men are wont also to face disasters with the riper judgment): and these reflect that war cannot be limited to the part a man may choose to play; it comes home to him and to all men in such guise as destiny may direct.

THUCYDIDES

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MCCLXXXIX

There is no danger seamen have not run!
Tempests have drowned them since the world began.
They have dared shipwreck, frost-bite and 'the sun,
But they have dared a greater danger, Man:

JOHN MASEFIELD

MCCXC

Proluit insano contorquens vertice silvas
fluviorum rex Eridanus . . .

VIRGIL

Georgics, I. 481-2

Now swirls in maddened spate through ravaged woods
Eridanus, monarch of the Latian floods. . . .

MCCXCI

Nothing more forcibly marks the weakness of a bad cause
than persecution.

ATHANASIUS

MCCXCII

Oft o'er the trembling Nations from afar
Has Scythia breath'd the living Cloud of War;
And where the Deluge burst, with sweepy sway
Their Arms, their Kings, their Gods were roll'd away.

THOMAS GRAY

The Alliance of Education and Government, ii. 46-49

MCCXCIII

Night and day the conquering engines rumbled at their
distant work . . . making the walls quake.

CHARLES DICKENS

Dombey and Son

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Now, gentlemen, we have got our harpoon into the monster, but we must still take uncommon care, or else by a single flop of his tail he will send us all into eternity.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

MCCXCV

God calls out all the passions in their keenness and vigour for the present safety of mankind. Anger and revenge and the heroic mind and a readiness to suffer: all the secret strength, all the invisible array of the feelings: all that Nature has reserved for the great scenes of the world.

SYDNEY SMITH

MCCXCVI

God give us grace to depend on him; so shall we not doubt victory, for our cause is good.

SIR FRANCIS DRAKE

To Sir Francis Walsingham, July 31, 1588

MCCXCVII

You must send all the Berlinians to their forefathers, conjure up more or less tolerable surroundings and rebuild the place from top to bottom; then you may, perhaps, make something decent out of it. You will hardly succeed, however, as long as *that* dialect is spoken there.

F. ENGELS

Letter to Minna Kautsky, November 26, 1885

MCCXCVIII

All that he had learnt made him clear that it was of supreme importance that England and Russia should learn to under-

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stand one another, and should be drawn more closely together, since much of the future of the world, especially of the Eastern world, lay in their hands. Moreover the strength of both lay in their sense of a national mission. There was room for both to fulfil that mission, and there was no need for them to hinder one another.

From the Life of MANDELL CREIGHTON, Bishop of London, by his wife

DECEMBER 1943

*Mr. Churchill's illness—Heavy raids on France and Germany
—Scharnhorst sunk.*

MCCXCIX

The world is of opinion . . . that the end of fencing is to hit, that the end of medicine is to cure, that the end of war is to conquer, and that those means are most correct which best accomplish the ends.

MACAULAY

MCCC

Nos ubi primus equis Oriens adflavit anhelis,
Illic sera rubens accendit lumina Vesper.

VIRGIL

Cited by Pitt to demonstrate the unity of mankind.

On us the breath of coursers from the East,
On those the kindling of the reddened West.

MCCCI

I believe that every day we remain united it will be considered more desirable that we should continue so, not merely for our own selfish interests, but for the interests of humanity at large: because it is on the British race, whether in Great Britain, or the United States, or the Colonies, or wherever it may be, that rest the highest hopes of those who try to penetrate the dark future, or who seek to raise and better the patient masses of mankind. Each year the power and the prerogative of that race appear to me to increase; each year it seems to fill more and more of the world. I believe that the connexion of the British Empire will remain, for the reason that it is desirable for civilization that it should continue to exist.

LORD ROSEBERY (1884)

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MCCCII

We are bound to the communities of the New World, and those great States which our own planting and colonizing energies have created, by ties and interests which will sustain our power and enable us to play as great a part in the times yet to come as we do in these days, and as we have done in the past.

DISRAELI (1859)

MCCCIII

The lately invented methods of travel and of intelligence have destroyed geographical obstacles; and the wrongs of the oppressed, in spite of oceans or of mountains, are brought under the public opinion of Europe—not before kings and governments alone, but before the tribunal of the European populations, who are becoming ever more powerful in the determination of political questions. And thus retribution is demanded and exacted for past crimes in proportion to their heinousness and their duration.

NEWMAN

Idea of a University (1858)

MCCCIV

Such is the disorder of our bitter enemies; their fortune has already capitulated: let us attack them fiercely, convinced that nothing is more legitimate than to sate the whole wrath of one's soul in punishing the aggressor, and nothing more sweet, as the proverb says, than the vengeance upon an enemy, which it will now be ours to take. They are enemies, mortal enemies, as you all know; and if successful they would have inflicted the worst sufferings on our men, and the worst indignities on our women and children, and the worst shame on our whole state.

THUCYDIDES, vii

Speech of Gylippus (as edited in translation by SIR R. W. LIVINGSTONE, 1943)

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MCCCV

It is true, that time must needs bring some alterations, and every alteration is a step and degree towards a dissolution; those things only are eternal which are constant and uniform: therefore it is observed by the best writers on this subject, that those commonwealths have been most durable and perpetual, which have reformed and recomposed themselves according to their first institution and ordinance; for by this means they repair the breaches and counterwork the ordinary and natural effects of time.

JOHN PYM

(*ob.* Dec. 8, 1643)

MCCCVI

May I never
To this good purpose, that so fairly shows,
Dream of impediment!—Let me have thy hand;
Further this act of grace; and from this hour
The heart of brothers govern in our loves,
And sway our great designs!

SHAKESPEARE

Antony and Cleopatra

MCCCVII

Μέγα ὁ ἀγὼν ἐστὶ, θεῖον γὰρ ἔργον· ὑπὲρ βασιλείας, ὑπὲρ ἐλευθερίας, ὑπὲρ εὐροίας, ὑπὲρ ἀταραξίας.

ARRIAN

(*c.* A.D. 137)

This struggle is a great thing, for we are working out the Divine purpose. It is for a kingdom, for freedom, for tranquillity, for security.

MCCCVI

Mere democracy cannot solve the social question. An element of aristocracy must be introduced into our life. Of course, I do not mean the aristocracy of birth or of the purse, or even the aristocracy of intellect. I mean the aristocracy of character, of will, of mind. That only can free us. From two groups will this aristocracy I hope for 'come to our people—from our women and our workmen. The revolution in the social condition, now preparing in Europe, is chiefly concerned with the future of the workers and the women. In this I place all my hopes and expectations; for this I will work all my life with all my strength.

HENRIK IBSEN (1885)

MCCCIX

Καὶ γὰρ τοὶ ἀγῆρατοι μὲν αὐτῶν αἱ μνημαί, ζηλωταὶ δὲ ὑπὸ πάντων ἀνθρώπων αἱ τιμαί· οἱ πενθοῦνται μὲν διὰ τὴν φύσιν ὡς θνητοί, ὑμνοῦνται δὲ ὡς ἀθάνατοι διὰ τὴν ἀρετὴν.

LYSIAS

'Their memory cannot grow old; their honour is the envy of all men; mourned for their nature as mortal, they are famed as immortal for their valour.

MCCCX

Carried away by the wish to assure to himself the definite domination of the European continent, Napoleon had passed the limit of the possible. I never doubted that. I foresaw that he and his enterprises would not escape a sudden ruin. The "When" and the "How" were enigmas to me.

METTERNICH (1809)

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MCCCXI

O Star! O Ship of France, beat back and baffled long!
Bear up O smitten orb! O ship continue on!

WALT WHITMAN
O Star of France

MCCCXII

Retribution has no right to expect success just because a
wrong has been done; nor is strength sure just because it is
confident.

THUCYDIDES

MCCCXIII

“ . . . the might
Of the whole world's good wishes with him goes.”

WORDSWORTH

MCCCXIV

War was then, though spreading wide and far,
A state of peace to what has since been war;
'Twas then some dubious claim at sea or land,
That placed a weapon in a warrior's hand;
But in these times the causes of our strife
Are hearth and altar, liberty and life.

GEORGE CRABBE

MCCCXV

O, what plea,
Think ye, shall stead you at your trial, when
The thunder-cloud of witnesses shall loom,
With Ravished Childhood on the seat of doom,
At the Assizes of Eternity?

WILLIAM WATSON

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MCCCXVI

Warning is, in ordinary cases, the principal end of punishment; but it is not the only end. To remove the offender, to preserve society from those dangers which are to be apprehended from his incorrigible depravity, is often one of the ends.

MACAULAY

MCCCXVII

Sic alid ex alio peperit discordia tristis
horribile humanis quod gentibus esset in armis
inque dies belli terroribus addidit augmen.

LUCRETIVS

So one thing from another dismal Strife
Brought forth to send a shudder through armed tribes,
And to war's terrors daily gave increase.

MCCCXVIII

Aber ach! wie nah ist der Feind! Die Fluten des Rheines
Schützen uns zwar; doch, ach! was sind nun Fluten und
Berge

Jenem schrecklichen Volke, das wie ein Gewitter daherzieht?

GOETHE

Hermann und Dorothea, iv. 79

Ah! but alas! How near the foe is! The floods of the
Rhine are
Our protection, 'tis true; but alas! what are floods and
mountains
'Gainst that terrible folk that draws as a thunderstorm o'er
us?

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But war and disorder, ruin and death, cannot last for ever. They are by their own nature exceptional and suicidal, and spend themselves with what they feed on. And then the true laws of God's universe, peace and order, usefulness and life, will reassert themselves, as they have been waiting all along to do, hid in God's presence from the strife of men.

CHARLES KINGSLEY

Hereward the Wake

MCCCXX

"Now, Mr. Sawyer!" screamed the shrill voice of Mrs. Raddle, "*are* them brutes going?"

"They're only looking for their hats, Mrs. Raddle," said Bob; "they are going directly."

"Going!" said Mrs. Raddle. "Going! What did they ever come for?"

DICKENS

Pickwick Papers

MCCCXXI

Seamanship, like anything else, is a matter of art, and will not admit of being taken up occasionally as an occupation for times of leisure; on the contrary, it is so exacting as to leave leisure for nothing else.

THUCYDIDES

(Pericles speaking)

MCCCXXII

We'll take 'em all upon the seas;
We'll take 'em all upon the seas;
We'll make 'em strike where'er we meet,
Or serve 'em all as we've done these.

The Lucky Sailor (eighteenth century)

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MCCCXXIII

“ I loathe this great city,” cried Zarathustra.

“ Woe to this great city!—And I would that I already saw the pillar of fire in which it will be consumed! For such pillars of fire must precede the great noontide. But this hath its time and its own fate.”

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